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1 [Cases called at 11:00:56 a.m.]

2 THE CLERK: Your Honor, good morning to you. This is the  
3 plaintiff -- it's two matters, Your Honor. This is Sage Nicole  
4 Humphries, the plaintiff on both matters. Mitchell Taylor  
5 Moore is the defendant on docket number 201701RO, docket number  
6 181, and the other matter, Your Honor, same plaintiff, Ms. Sage  
7 Nicole Humphries. The defendant on this matter is Dusty  
8 Button. This is docket number 201701RO, docket number 182. If  
9 the parties could please identify themselves for the record,  
10 beginning with counsel for the plaintiff. Please, and thank  
11 you.

12 MS. MELCHER: Good afternoon, Your Honor. Attorney Maura  
13 Melcher for Sage Humphries.

14 THE COURT: Okay. Good morning.

15 [Discussion re Location/Screens/Cameras]

16 THE COURT: All right. So, one moment. I'm just taking a  
17 moment to look at the documents before the Court. And, today's  
18 hearing is --

19 THE CLERK: So, Your Honor, there are two events. This is  
20 on -- Both matters are on a complaint for contempt filed by the  
21 plaintiff as to each of the defendants. And, also defendant  
22 has filed, this defendant, on 183, Dusty Button, as the  
23 defendant, has filed a motion to terminate the 209 order that  
24 was marked up for today. That is right here.

25 THE COURT: Okay. So let me start first with the

1 contempt, since that was put down --

2 THE CLERK: Certainly.

3 THE COURT: -- for today, February 22nd of 2023. And, the  
4 moving party has submitted the motion for the Court.

5 THE CLERK: That's correct.

6 MS. MELCHER: The complaint for contempt with a large  
7 affidavit, exhibits, and there's also to the -- the affidavit  
8 that was filed just to supplemental.

9 THE COURT: Okay. One moment.

10 THE CLERK: Okay.

11 THE COURT: Is this -- Can you show counsel this? Is this  
12 what she's speaking of?

13 THE CLERK: That was filed this morning, Judge.

14 THE COURT: Oh.

15 THE CLERK: This is the affidavit in opposition of the  
16 motion to vacate.

17 THE COURT: Oh, that's a separate -- We're not going to do  
18 that just yet?

19 MS. MELCHER: No. That's --

20 THE CLERK: That's the rest of this --

21 MS. MELCHER: -- I will refer to that affidavit --

22 THE COURT: Okay.

23 MS. MELCHER: -- in regards to the contempt.

24 THE CLERK: You will --

25 MS. MELCHER: 'Cause it contains the most --

1 THE CLERK: Okay. [Crosstalk at 11:04:52 a.m.] --

2 MS. MELCHER: -- issues --

3 THE COURT: Okay. And, it has --

4 Have the defendants, Ms. Button and Mr. Moore, have you  
5 received the plaintiff's affidavit in support of the opposition  
6 to vacate?

7 MR. MOORE: No, Your Honor, we have not.

8 THE COURT: Okay.

9 MS. MELCHER: It has been served on them. We sent out --  
10 We had it -- Actually, I gave you a certificate of service, but  
11 we sent out the original contempt and the exhibits, we had  
12 those served by a constable.

13 THE COURT: Okay.

14 MS. MELCHER: They tried to return them to their house  
15 three times, and then just with the affidavit, we put in the  
16 mail to them.

17 THE COURT: All right. So you sent it certified?

18 MS. MELCHER: Yeah.

19 THE COURT: So, did you hear that --

20 MS. MELCHER: Not certified. U.S. Mail.

21 THE COURT: Oh. U.S. Mail. Okay. To what address?

22 MS. MELCHER: I can give you the exact address. I just  
23 need a minute, Your Honor.

24 THE COURT: Okay. Take your time. There's no rush.

25 MS. MELCHER: The copy that I sent was unsigned because

1      she didn't sign it 'til this morning. I had her sign and date  
2      it this morning. But I --

3                THE COURT: Okay.

4                MS. MELCHER: -- did send an unsigned copy.

5                THE COURT: All right.

6                MS. MELCHER: --

7                THE COURT: Well, I guess what we can do -- You said  
8      you're going to refer to this. I would like them to have a  
9      copy of it if you're going to refer to it.

10              MS. MELCHER: Sure. I can -- I mean, I can send it over  
11     to them right now.

12              THE COURT: Yes.

13              MS. MELCHER: I would probably -- Can I take five minutes  
14     so I can get someone in my office to make sure that it's  
15     [Indiscernible at 11:06:55 a.m. - speaking away from  
16     microphone].

17              THE COURT: Yes. And, you have their correct e-mail  
18     address?

19              MS. MELCHER: Can we confirm it right now?

20              [Discussions re E-Mail Address/Sending Document]

21              [Pause through 11:12:48 a.m.]

22              MS. MELCHER: It's been sent.

23              THE COURT: Okay. All right. Mr. Moore and Ms. Button,  
24     the attorney has notified the Court that the e-mail has been  
25     sent to your e-mail address. Did you receive it?

1 MS. BUTTON: I just got it.

2 THE COURT: Very good. Okay.

3 MS. BUTTON: It's just going to take one second because  
4 it's a Zip file. So I just need to download it.

5 THE COURT: Of course, take your time.

6 MR. MOORE: Would you like us to read all of this right  
7 now?

8 THE COURT: Well, perhaps we can continue with the  
9 hearing, and if counsel could refer to the page, then you could  
10 read that page that she's referring to. Does that make sense?

11 MR. MOORE: Okay. Yes.

12 MS. BUTTON: Yes.

13 THE COURT: Okay. All right. So, the Court has had a  
14 chance to review a restraining order that was issued by Judge  
15 McKenna. And, it was made permanent, I believe, in August of  
16 2018.

17 MS. MELCHER: Correct, Your Honor.

18 THE COURT: All right. Moving party, I will hear you.

19 MS. MELCHER: Referring to that order, Your Honor, not  
20 only was no abuse, and no contact, contact my third parties is  
21 ordinarily ordered, but they were ordered, if you note at the  
22 bottom, it's written in to surrender all electronic materials  
23 belonging to Ms. Humphries and not to publish any of that  
24 content. Since that date, the defendants have done every item  
25 that was prohibited on that restraining order.

1       Started with -- I would say -- And, they've admitted to  
2 this actually in many different pleadings there.

3       So, since the restraining order took place, my client and  
4 five, or six other girls that are all dancers with the ballet  
5 filed a lawsuit against the Buttons for sexual trafficking. My  
6 client, if you need to see the details of the original  
7 affidavit that led to the restraining order, --

8       THE COURT: Mm-hmm.

9       MS. MELCHER: -- was a minor. And, she was groomed by the  
10 Buttons, who are a married couple, [Indiscernible at 11:15:04  
11 a.m. - speaking away from microphone] dancers. They had  
12 offered to become her manager. They had invited her to come  
13 live with them. They had a -- an intimate sexual relationship  
14 with them that -- then over time, that when that broke off, she  
15 ended up with a restraining order, --

16       THE COURT: Mm-hmm.

17       MS. MELCHER: -- they engaged in other relationships with  
18 other dancers from the ages of 14 upwards, I believe. And, it  
19 sort of demonstrated that -- that's all the subject of the  
20 Nevada lawsuit. What we have here is a restraining order  
21 prohibiting contact, abuse, and the electronically stored  
22 information. So, in many of their pleadings, they ra -- say  
23 "Well, we don't have her -- we never copied her electronically  
24 stored information." They acknowledge they have a copy of her  
25 old IPod and all the images on it, but they say "Oh, well she

1 voluntary uploaded it" -- From what I understand of their  
2 argument, "She voluntarily uploaded it to our computer when we  
3 were all together way back in 2016 or 17," and they never, as  
4 they were ordered to do, got rid of those copies, and they  
5 continue to use those texts and images all the way through  
6 until they published in the Daily Mail. They gave the Daily  
7 Mail copy -- copies of her text messages private from her cell  
8 phone that were published in a newspaper article. I had given  
9 you copies of that attached to the contempt. They published  
10 them online. They put them in a YouTube video. And, so the --  
11 But the allegation is, from what I understand, they're saying  
12 they have access to this because she voluntarily uploaded her  
13 phone to their computer.

14 We believe that the order was very clear. All  
15 electronically stored information should have been turned over.  
16 They are not to use it. They are not to publish it. And, they  
17 shouldn't have it. If they saw a file later, as they say "Oh,  
18 we discovered it later," they should've deleted it immediately.  
19 And, that they've been violating this restraining order ever  
20 since. They go online, they refer to the dishonorable Judge  
21 McKenna. They have great upset about having this restraining  
22 order. They say even though they were represented, they had  
23 the opportunity to testify, they chose not to. And, now they -  
24 - online, in many different news articles and publications,  
25 they talk about how the unjust proceedings here. How it was

1      abusive to them, and unfair. They've never got their fair  
2      chance. They chose not to appeal it. They chose not to come  
3      back in 2018. Judge McKenna was so -- for his own reasons,  
4      made that order permanent, because, as stated, he found my  
5      client to be extremely credible, and the evidence that she  
6      presented to be very credible.

7           So, in some of these -- In our complaint for contempt,  
8      just to give you a few examples of how they publish this  
9      information. After -- Now, they have this carbon copy -- a  
10     comprehensive copy it had of her cell phone has photos, videos,  
11     text messages between her and many different people.

12        THE COURT: And, what year is that --

13        MS. MELCHER: This --

14        THE COURT: -- cell phone from?

15        MS. MELCHER: 2017.

16        THE COURT: So, you're saying that --

17        MS. MELCHER: Prior to the restraining order. And, so  
18      what I'm saying is, for example, --

19        THE COURT: So, you're saying that your client uploaded  
20      information from her phone onto their computer?

21        MS. MELCHER: Well, they were all living together. So, I  
22      believe her phone, automatically, when you plug your phone into  
23      a computer, it will automatically download and --

24        THE COURT: If you allow it?

25        MS. MELCHER: Yeah. So, she may've done that on the

1 computer at some point. And, they're saying --

2 THE COURT: So, they're saying that they're in --

3 MS. MELCHER: They're saying --

4 THE COURT: -- they are in --

5 MS. MELCHER: -- possession --

6 THE COURT: -- possession of that information? The --

7 MS. MELCHER: Correct. And, my client would tell you that

8 he -- that Mr. Button had taken her phone from her and stolen

9 that information. What -- However that happened, they're in

10 possession of it, --

11 THE COURT: Okay.

12 MS. MELCHER: -- because they continue to use it.

13 THE COURT: And, what exactly is the information that's on

14 that phone that you are --

15 MS. MELCHER: It is years' worth of text messages.

16 Anything that could be on a phone. Photographs, --

17 THE COURT: Mm-hmm.

18 MS. MELCHER: -- recordings, videos. So, as we put in the

19 contempt --

20 THE COURT: May I see the original restraining order

21 again? I think I --

22 THE CLERK: Certainly, Your Honor.

23 THE COURT: -- might've given it back to you.

24 One moment. Let me look at the --

25 MS. MELCHER: Sure.

1       THE COURT: -- original. Oh here it is. Yeah. One  
2 moment.

3       [Reviewing document]

4       Okay. So I'm reading Paragraph 14. Judge McKenna,  
5 "Defendant is to surrender any and all personal information  
6 pertaining to the plaintiff including electronically stored  
7 information, and is not to publish such information." Okay.

8       MS. MELCHER: Okay? So, in our complaint for contempt, we  
9 reference, for example, September 7th, 2022. The defendants  
10 gave an interview to the Daily Mail. The text of this article,  
11 Ms. Button says she has troves of texts from Ms. Humphries.  
12 And, she says her sole focus for now is pouring over the  
13 thousands of texts, photos, and documents to disprove my  
14 accusers. She had gone public to the Daily Mail to fight her  
15 case, and to speak -- spate -- speak to her side of the story.  
16 But she talks about, you know, going through Sage's documents  
17 and using those to justify herself.

18       THE COURT: Mm-hmm.

19       MS. MELCHER: The reason we know those are the documents  
20 she's talking about is she gave copies of texts between Sage  
21 and third parties to the Daily Mail for publication.

22       THE COURT: And, was that on September 7th of '22?

23       MS. MELCHER: 2022, correct. Most recently, Your Honor,  
24 and this is our -- the current affidavit exhibit, Paragraph 3,  
25 4, 5. If you go on either YouTube, or there's another site

1      called justiceforthebuttons.com, --

2            THE COURT: Mm-hmm.

3            MS. MELCHER: -- we can see the Buttons created two  
4 videos. Well, they created a plethora of videos. But two  
5 specifically called *The Real Sage Humphries Part 1*, and *The*  
6 *Real Sage Humphries Part 2*. They post videos -- These, I would  
7 say, are abusive. They post videos of my client, pictures of  
8 her with a nose growing out like Pinocchio's nose. They say  
9 she's a liar. They call her a liar. They -- Most of the video  
10 is them giving the finger through the camera to my client.

11 Memes saying "F you. The truth will come out. Liar, liar."

12 There --

13            THE COURT: So, is there a case in Nevada?

14            MS. MELCHER: There is an ongoing case, --

15            THE COURT: Okay.

16            MS. MELCHER: -- litigation in Nevada.

17            THE COURT: Okay. Ongoing case. Is that --

18            MS. MELCHER: This --

19            THE COURT: -- in Federal Court?

20            MS. MELCHER: Federal Court. For --

21            THE COURT: Okay.

22            MS. MELCHER: -- sexual trafficking.

23            THE COURT: Okay. And, what is -- When's the next date  
24 for that case?

25            MS. MELCHER: That I would refer to this -- Well, an

1 attorney for the Nevada case is here.

2 MS. MARIELLA: Good morning, Your Honor.

3 THE COURT: Good morning.

4 MS. MARIELLA: There's no current scheduled hearing in  
5 that case, but we are set to wrap up discovery next month so  
6 there should be a trial coming up, I would guess in the fall.

7 THE COURT: Okay.

8 MS. MARIELLA: [Indiscernible at 11:22:27 a.m. - speaking  
9 away from microphone].

10 THE COURT: And, it involves five people, six people --

11 MS. MELCHER: Yes.

12 MS. MARIELLA: Seven.

13 THE COURT: Seven --

14 MS. MELCHER: Seven all together.

15 THE COURT: Okay. So that case is ongoing in Nevada?

16 MS. MARIELLA: Correct.

17 MS. MELCHER: Correct. So, they've created, and  
18 unfortunately I've watched this video, that is on the YouTube  
19 channel, and then on the justiceforthebuttons, they create  
20 links to the YouTube channel. And, as I said, these videos are  
21 called *The Real Sage Humphries*. The videos themselves are just  
22 portraying her as a liar. They actually play the recording of  
23 the abuse prevention order hearing from 2017. They play --  
24 They must've ordered the transcripts online and got the  
25 recording. This video has that recording in the background,

1 has my client testifying throughout the video. So, to -- You  
2 know, very personal disturbing situation that happened when she  
3 was both under age and very young, 18 years old, and 19.  
4 Sorry. But, you know, point being made, they broadcast the  
5 contents of this courtroom --

6 THE COURT: Mm-hmm.

7 MS. MELCHER: -- on that video, while simultaneously  
8 referring to her as a liar. Telling people to request the real  
9 evidence, find out the real truth alleging her testi -- their  
10 own innocence. So, that would be, you know, a second example  
11 of them -- or actually a second and third of their, you know,  
12 ongoing harassment.

13 They also harass her parents. They've had people stalking  
14 her parents' house. They've -- I don't -- If Your Honor -- I  
15 could bring it up if Your Honor was inclined to see the video,  
16 to see if it does violate the abuse and no contact. It's a  
17 little difficult to say whether this is contact. It's  
18 definitely directed at her. And, it's --

19 MR. MOORE: Show them.

20 MS. MELCHER: -- you know, and the video itself is  
21 entitled *The Real Sage Humphries*, like I said, Part 1 and 2.  
22 They're substantively about her, her family, and attack on her  
23 character and her family, --

24 THE COURT: Mm-hmm.

25 MS. MELCHER: -- and allegations of that case out in

1 Nevada. And, those were -- Those show that online about -- A  
2 month or two ago, just in the last few months. They are about  
3 28 minutes long. And, they basically cherry pick parts of the  
4 texts from when she was in the active relationship with them,  
5 during the time that they were supposed to have turned over all  
6 these texts. They actually post those texts that they  
7 should've turned over and gotten rid of, post them in this  
8 video so you can read -- so anybody can read them. So, you  
9 know, publishing, making it all very public.

10 They drink -- They're drinking in the video by the fire  
11 pit. And, you know, raising their middle finger. They fire a  
12 weapon. Mr. Button fires a gun in the video. There were  
13 allegations they had a room full of weapons. Back in the  
14 original restraining order there were some pictures turned in.  
15 It was a very disturbing room devoted to his gun collection,  
16 which he now defends and says it's only an airsoft gun. But at  
17 the time -- I don't know whether that's true --

18 MR. MOORE: [Issue with Zoom at 11:25:45 a.m.] --

19 MS. MELCHER: -- or not. But it's disturbing video, video  
20 clip. In this video that he posted online has him firing a  
21 weapon after he talks about --

22 MR. MOORE: [Issues with Zoom at 11:25:57 a.m.] --

23 MS. MELCHER: -- his upset with Sa -- Ms. Sage Humphries.  
24 And, then, --

25 THE COURT: And, the date of that video is what?

1 MS. MELCHER: Last month. I don't -- Let me see if I have  
2 a specific date.

3 THE COURT: So, are you --

4 MS. MELCHER: January 15th, 2023 -- Actually, February  
5 14th, 2023. It's on the YouTube channel.

6 THE COURT: Are you turning these --

7 MS. MELCHER: Well, I --

8 THE COURT: -- into evidence?

9 MS. MELCHER: -- I refer to -- I didn't bring the videos.  
10 I printed out screen shots from the videos --

11 MR. MOORE: [Issues with Zoom at 11:26:34 a.m.] --

12 MS. BUTTON: [Issues with Zoom at 11:26:34 a.m.] we had  
13 one --

14 MS. MELCHER: -- so you could see that the screenshots  
15 themselves were -- like the text themselves were put into these  
16 videos. We did capture stills of the video, and those are  
17 attached to this affidavit.

18 THE COURT: Okay.

19 MS. MELCHER: So, you can see the violation within the  
20 images. I'd be happy to play the video for you now, Your  
21 Honor, if you wanted to see it, or to turn in -- turn over a  
22 copy of it the -- on a thumb drive today.

23 MR. MOORE: [Issues with Zoom at 11:27:15 a.m.].

24 THE COURT: Well, that's your prerogative, counsel. You  
25 can --

1 MS. MELCHER: I will provide --  
2 THE COURT: -- This is --  
3 MS. MELCHER: -- I will provide --  
4 THE COURT: -- This is --  
5 MS. MELCHER: -- I will provide a copy of the video today  
6 --  
7 THE COURT: This is a hearing where everyone will be heard  
8 --  
9 MS. MELCHER: Okay.  
10 THE COURT: If you are --  
11 MS. MELCHER: I will --  
12 THE COURT: -- offering things into evidence, you may do  
13 so.  
14 MS. MELCHER: I will --  
15 THE COURT: That is --  
16 MS. MELCHER: -- provide you with a copy of the download  
17 of the YouTube video --  
18 THE COURT: And, just so --  
19 MS. MELCHER: -- that I refer to --  
20 THE COURT: -- we're clear, you have to be specific about  
21 the date so that Ms. Buttons and Mr. Moore know exactly --  
22 MS. MELCHER: So, --  
23 THE COURT: -- what you're referring to.  
24 MS. MELCHER: -- very specifically, I'm referring to their  
25 YouTube channel, in paragraph three, you know, that we last

1 accessed it, it says February 14th, 2023, but downloaded, there  
2 are two specific videos called *The Real Sage Humphries Part 1*,  
3 --

4 THE COURT: Okay.

5 MS. MELCHER: -- and *The Real Sage Humphries Part 2*.

6 THE COURT: Okay.

7 MS. MELCHER: So, we would turn those over. There's also  
8 a second video from their -- They have a Fletcher -- They call  
9 it Fletcher Reed channel, which is the name of the character in  
10 Liar Liar, which is a reference to my client, apparently. And,  
11 that's referred to in Paragraph 12. And, so we can provide a  
12 copy of that video. It's called *The Cat's out of the Bag*.

13 Provide that for the Court as well.

14 THE COURT: Okay.

15 MR. MOORE: May I ask which paragraph of this that we're  
16 referencing?

17 THE COURT: Twelve.

18 MS. MELCHER: Twelve.

19 MR. MOORE: Okay.

20 MS. MELCHER: And, --

21 THE COURT: Twelve.

22 MR. MOORE: Thank you.

23 THE COURT: All right. You're welcome.

24 MS. MELCHER: Also, in Paragraph 18, there is a -- I can  
25 also provide a 36-page document called *The Humphries' Timeline*,

1    2200 Days of Hell on Earth and Coming, which is also included  
2    in this -- these websites, so.

3                 THE COURT: Okay.

4                 MS. MELCHER: And, that's on Page 18. So I can --

5                 THE COURT: I see.

6                 MS. MELCHER: -- mark all those and turn them over.

7                 THE COURT: That's on Bullet Point 18?

8                 MS. MELCHER: Yes.

9                 THE COURT: Okay. All right.

10                MS. MELCHER: And, I'll have those to you before the day  
11    is over.

12                THE COURT: All right. And, -- One moment.

13                Okay. Is there anything else, counsel? Are you through?

14                MS. MELCHER: Yeah. For the most part, Your --

15                THE COURT: For this portion --

16                MS. MELCHER: -- for Your Honor -- Yes --

17                THE COURT: For this portion? All right.

18                MS. MELCHER: Yes, we are.

19                THE COURT: Okay. So, --

20                [Discussion Regarding Exhibits/Numbering Exhibits]

21                MS. MELCHER: Your Honor?

22                THE COURT: Yes.

23                MS. MELCHER: I didn't ask, but also my client wanted to  
24    know if she could make one small statement on the record.

25                MS. MOORE: A what?

1 MS. BUTTON: A statement.

2 MS. MELCHER: [Indiscernible at 11:31:36 a.m. - speaking  
3 away from microphone].

4 THE COURT: One moment. So, could you just -- Before I  
5 hear from Ms. Button and Mr. Moore, in one moment, could you  
6 just summarize for the Court the specific contempt issues that  
7 you see? I have Paragraph 3, 4, 5.

8 MS. MELCHER: The things I'm bringing --

9 THE COURT: Yeah. Could you just summarize really  
10 quickly. And, then, I'm going to have them respond.

11 MS. MELCHER: I'm not sure if you mean the things we're  
12 going to provide after or the issues of contempt --

13 THE COURT: Well, I -- It's got to be now 'cause this is  
14 the hearing.

15 MS. MELCHER: Okay. So, I'm referring to -- Okay. I'm  
16 referring to --

17 THE COURT: Just summarize for the Court the areas of  
18 contempt.

19 MS. MELCHER: Okay. Well, providing the electronically --  
20 keeping the electronically stored information. Continuing to  
21 harass and abuse the plaintiff --

22 THE COURT: And, when you say keeping the electronic  
23 information, the order that I have from Judge McKenna was that  
24 this information was to be turned over to the Boston Police.

25 MS. MELCHER: Correct.

1 THE COURT: So, did that happen?

2 MS. MELCHER: No. We're alleging it did not, or if it  
3 did, they kept a copy.

4 THE COURT: So the Boston Police Department have never  
5 received it?

6 MS. MELCHER: I'm not sure whether they turned it over or  
7 not, Your Honor.

8 THE COURT: Okay. Okay.

9 MS. MELCHER: I believe they turned something over, but  
10 they clearly kept --

11 THE COURT: Something. Okay.

12 MS. MELCHER: -- a lot of --

13 THE COURT: All right.

14 MS. MELCHER: -- information.

15 THE COURT: All right.

16 MS. MELCHER: So, keeping the electronically stored  
17 information, and then publishing the electronically stored  
18 information.

19 THE COURT: And, the dates of the publishing again,  
20 please?

21 MS. MELCHER: There was the September 7, 2022. These were  
22 all noted in the affidavit. And, then, the on -- There's  
23 certainly ongoing dates from January and February of 2023.  
24 And, then, during the litigation that's been ongoing in Nevada  
25 and during this discovery process --

1 THE COURT: Mm-hmm.

2 MS. MELCHER: -- last fall, is when they announced that  
3 they had this copy of her cell phone. That's when they --

4 THE COURT: Okay.

5 MS. MELCHER: Actually, I have a copy in the file, Your  
6 Honor, if you'd like to see it. It's one of their defensive  
7 pleadings in the Nevada case. But I could turn that over to  
8 you if you wanted to see it. But they specifically talk about  
9 how -- why they have a copy of her phone, that they have a copy  
10 and they're accessing. It's in their memorandum of law on an  
11 emergency motion to strike plaintiff's motion for sanctions.

12 THE COURT: Okay. So, the dates I have are 9/7/22, and  
13 January and February of 2023?

14 MS. MELCHER: Yeah. And, ongoing during discovery period.  
15 I mean, all through the fall the -- certainly.

16 THE COURT: Okay. All right. Well, I will certainly hear  
17 from you again, but I would ask Ms. Button and Mr. Moore if you  
18 would like to respond?

19 MR. MOORE: Yes, Your Honor.

20 MS. BUTTON: Yes, please.

21 THE COURT: Yep. One moment. The Clerk just needs to  
22 swear you in.

23 [DUSTY BUTTON, Sworn.]

24 [MITCHELL MOORE, Sworn.]

25 THE CLERK: Thank you. And, would you each just please

1 state your names for the record?

2 MR. MOORE: I am Mitchell Moore.

3 MS. BUTTON: And, I'm Dusty Button.

4 THE CLERK: Thank you very much. Thank you, Your Honor.

5 THE COURT: All right. Thank you.

6 MR. MOORE: You're welcome.

7 THE COURT: So, I will hear from whoever would like to  
8 speak first with regards to this issue of contempt --

9 MR. MOORE: Okay.

10 THE COURT: -- of a restraining order.

11 MR. MOORE: Okay. First, we'd like to thank you for  
12 letting us attend this on Zoom, Your Honor. I know it's  
13 inconvenient for everyone.

14 THE COURT: Mm-hmm.

15 MR. MOORE: And, we apologize for the informality, you  
16 know, representing ourselves in all of this. We're not very  
17 familiar with procedure. But, you know, we'll start at the  
18 beginning and if we get off track, please let us know.

19 Just quickly responding to Ms. Melcher's statements of  
20 things that we've admitted to. I'm not sure what she's  
21 referring to, but we've admitted to nothing aside from truth  
22 and evidence that disproves her client's claims from 2017 to  
23 date. She stated that we were both dancers at the time.  
24 That's also untrue.

25 As Sage stated herself in her affidavit and on her police

1 report, I was a watch maker and my wife was one of her  
2 coworkers, of course, a dancer.

3 It says in our pleadings we said that we never copied her  
4 data. I'm not sure what she's referring to there, and that we  
5 were ordered to, quote, "get rid of those copies," which did  
6 strike a little bit of curiosity here, considering that the  
7 only thing that we retained was our own data on our phone at  
8 the time. Until we discovered this in 2021 when the Court  
9 forced us to comb through every single hard drive and device  
10 that we had. The hard drive that this folder from Sage's  
11 backup was found on was corrupt, and we actually had to pay  
12 service to restore the drive and replace the Seda [phonetic]  
13 drive on the drive in order to access this folder. At which  
14 point, we discovered it because we had no access to that hard  
15 drive until then, and we were happy to provide all this  
16 correspondence with our attorneys, even though it's privileged.

17 But even Sage's new counsel themselves, in an e-mail dated  
18 August 12th, 2022 stated that she was forced to obtain these  
19 prevention orders. Stating that the court in Boston ordered us  
20 to destroy all electronic information. All of this information  
21 in question just proves beyond any doubt, not only a reasonable  
22 doubt, that we have never done everything that Sage claims.  
23 Every word in every affidavit that she has filed has been  
24 untrue.

25 And, by definition, I believe at the bottom [Issues with

1      Zoom at 11:37:28 a.m.] this one that you have here it says by  
2      penalty of perjury, that we possess evidence, which some of  
3      which we provided to the court. I'm not sure if it's there  
4      today, but we sent it in our motion to vacate, that she's  
5      perjured herself multiple times on every affidavit that she  
6      signed her name to. Ironically the one that we have here, her  
7      name's not signed to.

8            But I assure you that everything that she stated is a lie.  
9      We've proven that all of it is a lie. And, in 2017 we  
10     attempted to provide this evidence to the court, which  
11     ironically Ms. Melcher said it wasn't turned over, but she  
12     herself possesses a copy of all of it that we had in our  
13     possession at the time. Of course, Sage's iPhone backup was  
14     not in our possession --

15            MS. BUTTON: She said she was satisfied --

16            MR. MOORE: Yeah. And, -- And, according to court record,  
17     Ms. Melcher, you yourself said "I am satisfied with the turning  
18     over of evidence." So, I'm not sure why we're here today  
19     discussing the fact that it wasn't satisfactory, when, in fact,  
20     you yourself stated that it was.

21            But moving forward to this data. As I said --

22            THE COURT: So, let me just -- Let me ask one question.  
23     So, what was turned over to the Boston Police?

24            MR. MOORE: Every single piece of data that we had at the  
25     time, we turned over to Boston Police, Ms. Melcher, and Judge

1 McKenna at the time, --

2 MS. BUTTON: Right.

3 MR. MOORE: -- as well as a copy for her family, I  
4 believe, considering that they're the reason why all of this  
5 began.

6 THE COURT: Okay. So, do you know the name of the -- Was  
7 it a detective?

8 MS. BUTTON: It was sent to him. It --

9 MR. MOORE: I do --

10 MS. BUTTON: Well, we --

11 MR. MOORE: -- And, actually we do have all of their names  
12 somewhere. But we -- No, I -- I can't reference that here.

13 MS. BUTTON: We sent it via UPS -- We sent it via USPS --

14 THE COURT: Oh --

15 MS. BUTTON: -- afterwards. But we also gave her --

16 MR. MOORE: Mm-hmm.

17 MS. BUTTON: -- four thumbnail -- thumb drives that were  
18 each --

19 MR. MOORE: Five.

20 MS. BUTTON: Oh, give thumb drives that were 8 gigabytes  
21 each, as well as a binder full of thousands of text messages  
22 that prove that every single thing that Sage has said was a  
23 lie. And, we can negate that every time.

24 MR. MOORE: The -- The order does say turn over to the  
25 Boston Police Department or her attorney, which was Ms. Melcher

1 at the time, and who did receive a copy that she stated she was  
2 satisfied with.

3 THE COURT: Okay. And, what was the name of that  
4 attorney?

5 MR. MOORE: That was Ms. Melcher. We gave it to her  
6 directly in court --

7 THE COURT: Yes.

8 MR. MOORE: -- in her hands.

9 MS. BUTTON: Our -- Our previous counsel was Kevin  
10 Mahoney.

11 MR. MOORE: Right.

12 THE COURT: Okay. One moment.

13 Counsel?

14 MS. BUTTON: Yeah, no problem.

15 MS. MELCHER: I honestly don't recall that they gave it to  
16 me. I don't remember contesting that they gave us -- gave me  
17 thumb drives -- they did --

18 MR. MOORE: Thumb drive --

19 THE COURT: So, done -- What about the five thumbnail  
20 drives?

21 MS. MELCHER: They may have given me five thumbnail  
22 drives. But the point being that they keep copies of  
23 everything and then they're going to continue to use it.

24 THE COURT: Right.

25 MS. MELCHER: Copies don't matter.

1 THE COURT: Well, it's true.

2 MS. MELCHER: I mean, they -- What they said was they were  
3 giving me everything they had --

4 THE COURT: Mm-hmm.

5 MS. MELCHER: -- and that clearly wasn't true, because  
6 they --

7 THE COURT: Did you make copies?

8 MR. MOORE: Your Honor, these -- Just so I can be clear.  
9 What she's referencing were our own messages that Sage sent to  
10 us on our devices and our phones. These were our -- This is  
11 our data.

12 THE COURT: Yep. But --

13 MR. MOORE: I think the confusion here -- I'm sorry?

14 THE COURT: No, go ahead. I'm listening.

15 MR. MOORE: I believe the confusion here is that they're  
16 referencing multiple different things. On one hand, Sage  
17 herself did backup her iPhone camera roll --

18 THE COURT: Yep.

19 MR. MOORE: -- to my hard drive.

20 THE COURT: Okay.

21 MR. MOORE: Per her request, because she had been charged  
22 \$1,100 from her phone carrier because she hadn't returned her  
23 old device before upgrading it.

24 THE COURT: Mm-hmm.

25 MR. MOORE: Her mother, freaking out on her like she did

1   countless times, was angry that the ca -- that her account had  
2   been charged \$1,100. In order to return that phone, she needed  
3   to restore -- she needed to store her data --

4           THE COURT: Yep.

5           MR. MOORE: -- somewhere, and she did not have a hard  
6   drive large enough to store her 17,000 selfies, and everything  
7   else that was on this camera roll. So, she herself uploaded  
8   this folder to our hard drive. This hard drive was corrupted  
9   for years, never utilized, until January where we had to  
10   restore it and pay money to have it fixed. At which point, we  
11   discovered this folder, and immediately told our attorneys of  
12   it. And, instantly, that was the -- that was our basic  
13   process. Like, we never had any knowledge of this folder until  
14   2021 --

15          MS. BUTTON: Otherwise we would --

16          MR. MOORE: -- at which point --

17          MS. BUTTON: -- have used it --

18          THE COURT: Yeah.

19          MR. MOORE: Absolutely --

20          MS. BUTTON: -- in 2017, because it would've been helpful.

21          MR. MOORE: And, may I say, I -- I know that you asked  
22   earlier what some of these sensitive text messages were. These  
23   sensitive text messages, the reason why this is such a big  
24   issue for Sage, and her family, and her other attorney sitting  
25   in the court today that flew across the country to witness

1 this, is because it proves that she illegally prostituted  
2 herself to a billionaire, and that her mother trafficked her  
3 for this prostitution. And, I'm sorry to say, but that's why  
4 this data is such a huge issue, only beginning in 2021. But --

5 MS. BUTTON: The owner.

6 MR. MOORE: -- the argument here, I guess, is for  
7 contempt. And, -- But the main basis of this contempt is a  
8 YouTube channel and a website that Ms. Melcher claims we own --

9 MS. BUTTON: [Issues with Zoom at 11:41:55 a.m.] --

10 MR. MOORE: -- but she doesn't bring forth any evidence  
11 that we own it, and we do not. So, I would ask that if you  
12 want to provide these videos, by all means, we would love for  
13 any judge to view these videos, that we ourselves have viewed,  
14 and are very descriptive of exactly why everything she stated  
15 is a lie. But, please, provide the videos. But with it, this  
16 time, like you refused to do in 2017, provide some evidence to  
17 substantiate your baseless claims. Because, two dates  
18 beginning in 2017 until 2023, not one claim that Sage Humphries  
19 has brought forward comes with evidence.

20 Even in the Nevada hearing, we've had 18 months for them  
21 to provide one piece of evidence that proves the claims she's  
22 made, and she's provided nothing. Yet, we provide hordes of  
23 data referencing your claim of contempt in the Daily Mail.  
24 Sage Humphries and her public relations team, which should tell  
25 you everything that you know, because we ourselves don't have a

1 public relation -- relations team, went on a global media  
2 campaign, where we found out in the New York Times that we were  
3 being served with a lawsuit before we were ever served with a  
4 lawsuit. From there, it was Boston Globe, Boston Magazine --

5 MS. BUTTON: Cosmopolitan.

6 MR. MOORE: -- ev -- Cosmopolitan magazine, Vogue  
7 magazine. All of the publications that Sage herself dreamed of  
8 being in since she was a kid. In these articles she defamed  
9 us. And, the only reason we ever had an attorney in Las Vegas  
10 to begin with is because we planned to sue Sage for defamation  
11 after years of harassment beginning in 2017.

12 She filed contempts of this restraining in 2018, which was  
13 why it was granted to be --

14 MS. BUTTON: Permanent.

15 MR. MOORE: -- permanent. And, 2018, the photograph,  
16 which we have here, that I also provided when we filed for this  
17 motion to vacate, that she gave to Judge McKenna, was over a  
18 year old, and she herself had the date on the -- on the photo.  
19 She had the receipts in her hand from the hearing in 2017  
20 proving that the things that she told Judge McKenna were  
21 firearms, were in fact toys. And, they were being sold online  
22 in Boston in 2017. Yet she told Judge McKenna that we were  
23 selling them illegally in California, therefore, violating the  
24 order.

25 MS. BUTTON: The night before, ironically.

1           MR. MOORE: The night before. That -- No, that -- that  
2 never -- the restrain -- that was the police report.

3           MS. BUTTON: Yeah.

4           MR. MOORE: Then she told Judge McKenna that Dusty's  
5 secret employee for our secret company had reached out to her,  
6 Dusty's personal assistant, which, number one, she doesn't have  
7 a personal assistant, nor has she ever. Number two, the woman  
8 that Sage is talking about, owned a t-shirt company with her  
9 mother and had nothing to do with Dusty. She told Judge  
10 McKenna that this was a secret company and our mission to gain  
11 Sage's new address. But I assure you, from the date that she  
12 was kidnapped by her parents in 2017, we wanted nothing more to  
13 be as far away from her on this planet as we possibly could. I  
14 would actually not prefer to see her in this room today.

15           So, that was itself, perjury. She lied to the judge.  
16 And, the evidence is right here. Photograph from 2017. Not  
17 only that, she did file a police report the night before the  
18 2018 hearing that this was made permanent. In an attempt to  
19 get some fortification for her lies, the judge -- the police  
20 that she filed it to, themselves, reviewed the evidence and  
21 verified beyond any reasonable doubt, that this was not a  
22 firearm and therefore not a violation. They also inspected her  
23 claim about Kennedy, Dusty's, you know, alleged assistant, and  
24 verified that they had nothing to do with us. And, that this  
25 also was not a violation. This police report --

1       THE COURT: No, could you just -- I -- That last sentence  
2 I -- you said something about a violation. What did you say?

3       MR. MOORE: She claimed in 2018, to make this order  
4 permanent, that -- we were unaware of this hearing by the way,  
5 and we were unaware that we could appeal, because we were told  
6 that it was useless to do so since the decision was reached  
7 before we ever walked into that courtroom. But, in 2018, she  
8 filed a police report that we were selling illegal firearms in  
9 California. This was a lie. She's aware of it --

10      THE COURT: Right. I got that part that the gun wasn't a  
11 real gun.

12      MR. MOORE: Right.

13      MS. BUTTON: Right.

14      MR. MOORE: Yes. And, then, --

15      THE COURT: But the sentence after that I did not get.

16      MR. MOORE: The second part was the woman that she claimed  
17 was Dusty's personal assistant in our secret company, a secret  
18 employee trying to get Sage's address, the police confirmed and  
19 verified that this had nothing to do with us, and that this was  
20 also not a violation of the order.

21      THE COURT: Oh.

22      MR. MOORE: However, Sage withheld that report from Judge  
23 McKenna the next day, because if she had shown it to him and he  
24 saw that the police investigated the matter and guaranteed that  
25 it was no violation, he couldn't grant the order.

1       She also happened to withhold her police report in 2017,  
2 which you'll see from the transcript, our attorney asked her if  
3 she brought with her today in court. And, she said "No, I  
4 don't have it with me today, but I have a number" --

5       MS. BUTTON: [Crosstalk at 11:46:11 a.m.] --

6       MR. MOORE: -- He asked her "What number do you have?"  
7 She said "A report number." It's in my phone if you want to  
8 look at my phone. In that report her parents phoned in a call  
9 for rape. I think it's code 261 --

10      MS. BUTTON: 261.

11      MR. MOORE: -- in California. When they interviewed Sage  
12 privately, the police investigated her phone and read through  
13 all of her messages with us, and at the end of their report,  
14 said that there is no fear of imminent danger. This was a  
15 consensual relationship. There was no harm, and she could've  
16 left the relationship at any point. But they had to interview  
17 her privately because her parents clearly still had her under  
18 duress. Which is why, if you reference some of the text  
19 messages that she texted us warning us that her father had  
20 written a restraining order and would force her to sign it in  
21 order to regain her freedom to return to Boston to her life,  
22 where she told us then we could, quote, "still be together."  
23 You know, all of these messages persisted over the summer in  
24 secret as she hid from her parents, and downloaded Snapchat on  
25 her brother's phone, so that she could message us and they were

1 delete afterwards --

2 MS. BUTTON: [Crosstalk at 11:47:07 a.m.].

3 MR. MOORE: -- and her mother would never find out. Which  
4 fully -- Yeah, which brings us to that.

5 MS. BUTTON: The Snapchat point, where Ms. Melcher herself  
6 said Snapchat is an app that deletes itself. But then Sage  
7 goes on record and says that Taylor ordered her to delete them.  
8 Which is ironic, considering that totally contradicts itself.  
9 Because if Snapchat is an app that deletes itself, no one needs  
10 to order anyone to delete it. Which also brings us to the  
11 point that Sage actually told us to delete the messages. And,  
12 gave us her password and said "If my parents find out I'm using  
13 Snapchat, I want you to delete my account."

14 So, there are -- We can negate this all day long. We have  
15 every single thing that proves --

16 MR. MOORE: Everything.

17 MS. BUTTON: -- this is a lie. Her parents did not like  
18 the fact that she was in a threesome, which, mind you, we made  
19 a mistake and let her infiltrate our marriage. And, I truly  
20 believe that she wanted to replace me, and she used me, and I  
21 fell for it. And, I think that that is where we stand today.  
22 And, we can provide you with any evidence whatsoever. We would  
23 never hide anything because we have nothing to hide.

24 MR. MOORE: We actually want the Court to have all of this  
25 evidence. Which is ironic because Ms. Melcher and her team,

1 and everybody else from Nevada sitting there to the left,  
2 actually want nothing more than to destroy it. And, you would  
3 have to ask yourself, what kind of court of law would want  
4 someone to destroy evidence? And, that's all you guys have  
5 been fighting for for the last 18 months. Well, you actually  
6 haven't seen -- since 2017. But the team sitting to your  
7 right, they've been fighting for nothing but to destroy  
8 evidence. And, no, not you, your attorney. You've been  
9 fighting -- So, you -- you -- I mean, think about the order.  
10 It's a restraining order. You're -- We're being restrained  
11 from someone we never hurt to give data, data that was sent to  
12 our phones. How strange is that? Data that proves she's a  
13 liar. Yet, for 18 months now, we've been fighting for -- to  
14 destroy that evidence. Kind of odd, right? I mean, evidence  
15 that just -- I mean, I can read you any of these texts. On any  
16 of these texts -- I mean, here's the photo --

17 MS. BUTTON: Actually --

18 MR. MOORE: -- of Sage at her therapist, the one that was  
19 in court in 2017 laughing --

20 MS. BUTTON: Making fun of --

21 MR. MOORE: -- making fun of the therapist that her  
22 parents forced her into and used her own money as they shut her  
23 bank account down, and wouldn't let her go free with no cell  
24 phone or communication without [Crosstalk at 11:49:06 a.m.] --

25 MS. BUTTON: [Crosstalk at 11:49:06 a.m.] --

1           MR. MOORE: -- unless she bowed down and did what she  
2 wanted.

3           MS. BUTTON: [Crosstalk at 11:49:08 a.m.] --

4           MR. MOORE: The only damage that's been done to that woman  
5 was done by her parents.

6           MS. BUTTON: She actually stated in her 2017 transcript  
7 that she didn't know how to handle everyone disapproving of the  
8 relationship. And, that is ultimately why she did what she  
9 did, because she was playing both sides. And, we can prove  
10 every single bit of that, and they can't, and that's why they  
11 want it destroyed. They have literally destroyed our lives.  
12 We're on food stamps. We have no assets. We lost our home.  
13 We have nothing.

14           MR. MOORE: Haven't had income in two years.

15           MS. BUTTON: Nothing.

16           MR. MOORE: She said we were firing a weapon. I'm not  
17 sure if you're familiar with the definition of the word weapon.  
18 But an airsoft toy that shoots plastic BBs is by no means a  
19 weapon. And, you, again, yourself, have those receipts. And,  
20 I don't know why -- I don't know -- Are we still on here?

21           THE COURT: Yes.

22           MS. MELCHER: Mm-hmm.

23           THE COURT: Okay.

24           MR. MOORE: Okay. I -- We just lost the screen for some  
25 reason.

1 MS. BUTTON: We lost our screen. I'm not sure --

2 MR. MOORE: I -- I'm not sure why you -- you yourself are  
3 unsure if you have these receipts. Because we have the court  
4 record right here that states that you do. It's odd. Because  
5 even our attorney on the transcript stated that you have all of  
6 the receipts from every one. And, it's -- Specifically the one  
7 in the video, and the one that your client, here, in this  
8 photo, is laughing and pointing at the camera playing with the  
9 gun. So, these toys, these plastic toys, you know, --

10 MS. BUTTON: Saw that.

11 MR. MOORE: -- by all means there is no weapon involved --

12 MS. BUTTON: This is --

13 MR. MOORE: -- yet you persist, you lie again in court and  
14 tell a judge that these are weapons.

15 MS. BUTTON: They're just holding a BB gun.

16 MR. MOORE: It's a airsoft --

17 MS. BUTTON: An airsoft [Crosstalk at 11:50:34 a.m.] --

18 MR. MOORE: -- plastic toy --

19 MS. BUTTON: -- plastic toy in this photo. This is a  
20 screenshot from a Snapchat of us playing around with them. She  
21 knew very well that these were not real. Yet she tried to have  
22 us arrested. Had us SWAT'd. Said that we had over 50  
23 automatic weapons, hand grenades, and landmines, and a report  
24 we received from our friends who worked at the police  
25 department downstairs, who were kind enough to let us know that

1 we should fire our dog walker, because they were the ones that  
2 let her in while we were away. So, all of this --

3 MR. MOORE: And, --

4 MS. BUTTON: -- can be negated.

5 MR. MOORE: -- I will say, again, we're here to vacate a  
6 order because we want our records --

7 THE COURT: Well, --

8 MR. MOORE: -- to reflect who we really are. And, I know  
9 the argument is for the contempt. But, really, I have to tell  
10 you, thanks to Sage Humphries and her superstar legal team  
11 sitting behind out of frame there, we had a known felon, 17  
12 year old convicted felon -- I'm -- 17 year old -- 17 year  
13 convicted felon hired by one of the richest men in the country  
14 to, in his own words, silence us at any means. And, by the  
15 way, known for putting bullet holes through journalists'  
16 windows, break into our home and attempt to tap our phone  
17 lines.

18 All of this because they do not want this information to  
19 be public. Because since 2017 the only thing that we possess  
20 are everything that clears our name. And, all of this is the  
21 things that they want to destroy. Because, I mean, if I had  
22 lied and made -- I mean, think about the committed felonies  
23 here. We got sex trafficking your daughter, prostitution, tax  
24 evasion, because I will remind you that some of the evidence on  
25 those text messages that we were forced to give to her

1 attorney, 'cause we don't have a copy. The Nevada Court forced  
2 us to give it to their attorneys, which we did, and they told  
3 us we could get it back in discovery --

4 MS. BUTTON: It was recorded --

5 MR. MOORE: -- but we won't get it back because they  
6 refused every request for discovery that we've put forth so  
7 far. Those texts prove that Daryl Katz, the billionaire in  
8 question, paid Sage -- is it \$75,000 --

9 MS. BUTTON: That we know of.

10 MR. MOORE: -- in exchange for sexual acts. Now, I would  
11 want to hide those as well because that is prostitution. It is  
12 tax evasion. And, he himself did create her Swiss bank account  
13 at UBS for her to deposit those funds into, instructing her to  
14 use them for herself because she should treat herself. And, he  
15 needs intimacy, both physical and mental, and everything else  
16 above -- I mean, I -- I don't blame her for wanting to hide it,  
17 but they shouldn't have started this to begin with, because at  
18 this point the only thing we have is to show our innocence and  
19 that that data, along with all the text messages she sent to  
20 us, does exactly that.

21 THE COURT: And, counsel, do you have any questions for  
22 Mr. Moore or Ms. Buttons?

23 MS. MELCHER: I'm assuming that was also part of their  
24 argument on their motion to vacate.

25 THE COURT: I'm keeping that separate because it's too

1 convoluted. So, we're just doing the contempt right now.

2 MS. MELCHER: Oh. Okay. No. I -- The only thing I  
3 wanted to note to Your Honor was the exhibits that are attached  
4 to the affidavit that I handed you this morning.

5 THE COURT: Mm-hmm.

6 MS. MELCHER: Because it does show you all the screenshot  
7 printouts. The fact that they do have -- That we did have the  
8 text messages and the download of the phone.

9 I guess I have a question for Mr. B -- Mr. and Mrs.  
10 Button.

11 MS. MELCHER: So, was it this fall you discovered that you  
12 actually have a folder that contained the contents of Sage's  
13 phone on your computer?

14 MR. MOORE: This is -- We are not in fall yet, so it can't  
15 be --

16 MS. MELCHER: No, no, no --

17 MR. MOORE: -- this fall, that would be --

18 MS. MELCHER: Two thousand --

19 MR. MOORE: -- last fall --

20 MS. MELCHER: -- This past fall --

21 MR. MOORE: And, if it were [Crosstalk at 11:53:54 a.m.] -  
22 - I'm sorry. I can't hear you. I was responding --

23 MS. MELCHER: Yeah. So, in 20 --

24 THE COURT: I think the microphone -- You have to pull the  
25 microphone closer to you.

1 MS. MELCHER: Sorry.

2 In 2022, in the fall, is that when you discovered that you  
3 had this folder with the contents of Sage's phone on your  
4 computer, yes or no?

5 MR. MOORE: So, we're -- We're referencing seasons and not  
6 specific times and months. I can -- I can pull the e-mail to  
7 your attorneys that we sent it and give you the exact date  
8 rather than just being vague.

9 MS. BUTTON: Yeah, I'll look for now, but I think it's --

10 MR. MOORE: If you give us a minute, we'll find that.  
11 Because I don't believe that being vague has any place in  
12 court, that's why we find ourselves in this positions to begin  
13 with.

14 MS. BUTTON: It was after the lawsuit was filed, and we  
15 were told to look for the first part of interrogatories and  
16 production of documents. So, whatever that first date was,  
17 which I believe would have probably been September of --  
18 actually it -- Was it 2022? 2020 --

19 MS. MELCHER: I'd have to --

20 MS. BUTTON: I'll find it --

21 MR. MOORE: -- I'd have to reference --

22 MS. BUTTON: But it was --

23 MR. MOORE: -- actual facts, rather than assumption --

24 MS. BUTTON: Actually, Sevina, behind you, probably has  
25 the date faster than me, because I actually had to turn my

1 phone on -- Wi-Fi off [Crosstalk at 11:54:55 a.m.] --  
2 MS. MELCHER: Move to strike --  
3 MS. BUTTON: -- get interrupted --  
4 MR. MOORE: I mean --  
5 MS. MELCHER: Can we move to strike all --  
6 MR. MOORE: -- [Crosstalk at 11:54:47 a.m.]. I'm sorry -  
7 MS. BUTTON: Sorry?  
8 MS. MELCHER: Just this is non-responsive. I just asked  
9 if it was in the fall of 2022.  
10 MR. MOORE: It sounded like a response to me. And, I told  
11 you we'd look for the data if you want it --  
12 THE COURT: Okay.  
13 MR. MOORE: -- but I'm not going to answer vaguely --  
14 MS. MELCHER: So, --  
15 THE COURT: Well, --  
16 MR. MOORE: -- you know. I'm -- I'm just trying to --  
17 THE COURT: Okay.  
18 MR. MOORE: Sorry?  
19 THE COURT: So, if you would like to find the exact date  
20 since you want to be direct, I will give you time to do that  
21 and we will stop talking.  
22 MR. MOORE: Okay. Okay. I just don't want to be  
23 incorrect while under oath.  
24 MS. MELCHER: Great.  
25 [Pause]

1 MS. BUTTON: So, it would've been in 2021. So, it  
2 would've been in a -- I would say around August, September of  
3 2021, because Katz -- Daryl Katz was not brought in as the  
4 third party until August of 2022. So, at that time, we --  
5 well, like we said, we had to hire someone to actually fix that  
6 hard drive because it was corrupt. And, that hard drive had  
7 been in storage for five years.

8 MS. MELCHER: Okay. And, then, the -- you -- the folder  
9 was repaired, you repaired the folder, correct?

10 MS. BUTTON: We repaired the actual hard drive. So, we  
11 had to replace the Seda drive in the hard drive, but yes, we  
12 had to replace it, which is why they only got a certain amount  
13 of documents from it to begin with --

14 MR. MOORE: Yeah.

15 MS. BUTTON: -- because certain ones were corrupted. And,  
16 we didn't want to make it seem like we withheld anything, so we  
17 actually had to pay to get the rest of it.

18 MR. MOORE: The --

19 MS. MELCHER: Okay.

20 MR. MOORE: -- The truth is we --

21 MS. MELCHER: And, --

22 MR. MOORE: -- we -- we were -- I'm sorry?

23 MS. MELCHER: I think I received the answer to my  
24 question. So, --

25 MR. MOORE: Okay.

1 MS. BUTTON: Okay.

2 MS. MELCHER: -- what I would like to know is at that  
3 point, did you contact the police to let them know that you  
4 still had documents and turn them over to the Massachusetts  
5 Police?

6 MR. MOORE: We actually contacted our attorney  
7 immediately, and were -- were instructed to turn them over to  
8 them.

9 MS. MELCHER: Did you --

10 MR. MOORE: At which point [Crosstalk at 11:57:54 p.m.] --

11 MS. MELCHER: -- Did you contact --

12 MR. MOORE: I'm sorry?

13 MS. MELCHER: -- the Massachusetts Police? If you would  
14 listen to the question that I ask and just respond to that, if  
15 you don't mind. Did you contact the Massachusetts Police and  
16 turn those documents over to them --

17 MR. MOORE: No.

18 MS. BUTTON: No.

19 MS. MELCHER: -- at that time? Okay.

20 MS. BUTTON: No.

21 MS. MELCHER: And, do you know who runs the website the  
22 justiceforthebuttons.com?

23 MR. MOORE: No.

24 MS. MELCHER: Do you have any -- You have no communication  
25 with the person who's the author of that website?

1 MS. BUTTON: No.

2 MR. MOORE: No. We actually --

3 MS. MELCHER: Okay.

4 MR. MOORE: I mean, and, again, --

5 MS. MELCHER: Thank you.

6 MR. MOORE: -- in the order -- I'm sorry.

7 MS. MELCHER: Are you familiar with the videos, *The Real*

8 *Sage Humphries One and Two*?

9 MR. MOORE: Yes. We were made aware of these by Sage's

10 new legal team.

11 MS. MELCHER: Okay. Do you know who made these videos?

12 MR. MOORE: No.

13 MS. BUTTON: No.

14 MS. MELCHER: Do you -- Were you aware that these videos

15 contain privileged texts from your own counsel to you?

16 MR. MOORE: Yes. We were made of that, again, by her

17 legal team this past week, I believe.

18 MS. MELCHER: Okay. Well do you think your counsel gave

19 whoever created justiceforthebuttons, and this video, YouTube,

20 do you think your counsel gave those videos -- those text

21 messages to the person who --

22 MR. MOORE: I don't --

23 MS. MELCHER: -- created the website?

24 MS. BUTTON: I wouldn't think so.

25 MR. MOORE: I wouldn't think they would do that.

1 MS. MELCHER: Okay. I wi -- Yeah. Okay.

2 THE COURT: So, just for the Court's clarification,  
3 justiceforthebuttons.com is not owned by Ms. Buttons and Mr.  
4 Moore, correct?

5 MS. MELCHER: That's what they --

6 THE COURT: And, --

7 MS. MELCHER: -- just testified.

8 THE COURT: -- once again, for the Court's clarification,  
9 the ne -- *The Real Sage Humphries One and Two*, that video was  
10 not owned or produced by Ms. Buttons and Mr. Moore?

11 MS. BUTTON: That's right.

12 MR. MOORE: That's correct.

13 MS. MELCHER: Okay. And, -- But those videos contain text  
14 messages between your counsel and yourself, correct?

15 MR. MOORE: That is -- I believe it might be an e-mail,  
16 but yes, it contains messaging --

17 MS. MELCHER: Okay.

18 MR. MOORE: -- [Issues with Zoom at 12:00:01 p.m.] --

19 MS. MELCHER: Okay.

20 MR. MOORE: -- [Issues with Zoom at 12:00:02 p.m.] --

21 MS. BUTTON: I don't remember. I think --

22 MR. MOORE: Yeah.

23 MS. BUTTON: Yeah. I think it's e-mail. We've watched  
24 them after they let us know, but --

25 MS. MELCHER: And, --

1 THE COURT: So, are these -- So, just once again for the  
2 Court's clarification, the text message that -- the text  
3 messages that are in *The Real Sage Humphries One and Two* --

4 MS. MELCHER: Some --

5 THE COURT: -- are allegedly from the phone --

6 MS. MELCHER: N -- Some are from the phone of Sage  
7 Humphries, they appear to be, correct?

8 MS. BUTTON: From --

9 MR. MOORE: From --

10 MS. BUTTON: -- Okay.

11 MR. MOORE: -- From what we've viewed, absolutely all of  
12 them were text messages from our phones. And, we see --

13 THE COURT: Oh, from --

14 MR. MOORE: -- nothing that --

15 THE COURT: -- their phone.

16 MR. MOORE: -- that were from Sage's.

17 MS. MELCHER: Okay. And, -- Okay.

18 THE COURT: Okay.

19 MS. MELCHER: And, did you also provide some of the  
20 contents from this folder on your computer, did you also  
21 provide some to the Daily Mail?

22 MR. MOORE: No. Actually, to the Daily Mail, I believe  
23 that everything that they posted was from the docket, from the  
24 legal docket. I believe that it actually has Nevada's Court  
25 docket in the bottom of their --

1 MS. MELCHER: But did you provide them --  
2 MR. MOORE: -- thing --  
3 MS. MELCHER: -- with any external information, whether  
4 they printed it or not, did you provide --  
5 MR. MOORE: Yeah. We did an interview with them.  
6 MS. BUTTON: We did an interview --  
7 MR. MOORE: Yes.  
8 MS. BUTTON: -- with them and provided them with things  
9 from our phone.  
10 MS. MELCHER: Okay.  
11 THE COURT: From your phone?  
12 MR. MOORE: Nothing -- Yes, nothing from --  
13 MS. BUTTON: Correct.  
14 MR. MOORE: -- hers --  
15 MS. BUTTON: Nothing from hers.  
16 MS. MELCHER: Okay.  
17 MR. MOORE: And, can I reference one --  
18 MS. MELCHER: Do you still possess --  
19 MR. MOORE: -- one --  
20 MS. MELCHER: -- Do you still possess --  
21 THE COURT: Okay. One moment. You'll have a chance to  
22 speak, Mr. Moore.  
23 I'll let you have a question, counsel.  
24 MS. MELCHER: Do you still possess the contents of Sage  
25 Humphries' phone? I believe you said tens of thousands of

1 photographs, and text messages? Do you still possess all this  
2 information?

3 MR. MOORE: No. We actually filmed a 25 minute long video  
4 returning it to her new legal team and destroying it, because  
5 we had a feeling that they would manipulate the court to  
6 believe that we did possess a copy of the folder. So, we  
7 returned it per court order.

8 MS. MELCHER: When did you --

9 MS. BUTTON: So, we -- Yeah, we did.

10 MS. MELCHER: -- When did you do that?

11 MR. MOORE: I can pull the video --

12 MS. BUTTON: [Crosstalk at 12:01:52 p.m.] UPS --

13 MR. MOORE: I can give you an exact date.

14 MS. BUTTON: I believe it was about -- It was ordered to  
15 be back by the 31st of December to them. So, we did send it --

16 MS. MELCHER: 2022?

17 MS. BUTTON: Correct.

18 MR. MOORE: In December for s --

19 MS. BUTTON: In December of 2022. I can find the exact  
20 date if you need it.

21 MR. MOORE: We have a delivery receipt, so.

22 MS. BUTTON: Yeah. We do have the -- the delivery receipt  
23 of the USPS receipt.

24 MS. MELCHER: So, the -- Some of these videos that were  
25 posted were posted from 2023 that contain the contents of what

1 you just said were Sage Humphries' phone, isn't that true?

2 MR. MOORE: I don't know. From what -- From what we see,  
3 actually, in 2023, any of these videos that were posted, if  
4 it's referencing something that was on a public docket, it's  
5 available, because it's on the public docket. But there's  
6 nothing in that video that was from Sage Humphries' phone or  
7 her backup. That was the camera roll back up, by the way, not  
8 an entire iPhone back up that has been returned to her. But,  
9 again, under oath, --

10 THE COURT: Okay.

11 MR. MOORE: -- we certify --

12 THE COURT: One moment --

13 MR. MOORE: -- that --

14 THE COURT: -- One moment --

15 MR. MOORE: -- that we returned it.

16 THE COURT: -- One -- One moment.

17 So, once again, for the Court's clarification, counsel,  
18 what exactly are you referring to that's in the videos that  
19 would have come from the phone?

20 MS. MELCHER: Can I take one second?

21 [Pause]

22 MS. MELCHER: I'm sorry. So, in 2023, I believe, there  
23 was a Daryl Katz video, *The Cat's out of the Bag* that I  
24 referred to earlier, that was posted. Are you aware of that?

25 MR. MOORE: I am aware of that.

1 MS. BUTTON: We're aware of that now.

2 MS. MELCHER: And, that video contained text messages  
3 between Ms. Humphries and Mr. Katz that were only available  
4 through her phone or his phone, is that correct?

5 MR. MOORE: That's incorrect.

6 MS. BUTTON: That's incorrect.

7 MS. MELCHER: Okay.

8 MS. BUTTON: They're also available on the Daily Mail and  
9 on the public docket, which, for what we saw, is the exactly --

10 MS. MELCHER: How did --

11 MS. BUTTON: -- the same that someone pulled from the  
12 docket.

13 MS. MELCHER: How did the Daily Mail get copies of these  
14 text messages?

15 MR. MOORE: They access the public docket, like most other  
16 people. I mean, you guys got a huge media campaign --

17 MS. MELCHER: What public docket --

18 THE COURT: Wait --

19 MS. MELCHER: -- What public docket are you referring to?

20 MR. MOORE: The one in Nevada.

21 MS. BUTTON: The lawsuit that we're currently dealing  
22 with.

23 MS. MELCHER: Okay. All right.

24 MS. BUTTON: It's in the counterclaim against Sage, which  
25 was actually dismissed last week because the judge reviewed our

1 information.

2 MR. MOORE: Sage's request --

3 MS. MELCHER: Motion to strike --

4 MR. MOORE: -- for a dismissal --

5 MS. MELCHER: -- Your Honor, --

6 THE COURT: Okay.

7 MS. MELCHER: -- This is non-responsive.

8 MS. BUTTON: Oh, yeah, the counterclaim was not dismissed  
9 because --

10 MS. MELCHER: Motion to strike --

11 THE COURT: All right. So --

12 MS. BUTTON: -- the judge --

13 MS. MELCHER: -- please --

14 THE COURT: So, I do -- I would like to keep this hearing  
15 just focused on what we have before the Court, and not --  
16 unless --

17 MR. MOORE: Okay.

18 THE COURT: -- you think --

19 MS. BUTTON: Okay.

20 THE COURT: Unless the -- Unless a party thinks that  
21 something is relevant to this hearing, that's taking place in  
22 Nevada.

23 MS. BUTTON: Okay. Sorry about that.

24 THE COURT: That's okay.

25 MS. MELCHER: So, is it your testimony that this -- the

1      Humphries timeline, 2,200 Days of Hell on Earth and Counting,  
2      you did not write this?

3            MR. MOORE: Is it -- Sorry. Can you say that one more  
4      time --

5            MS. MELCHER: Did you --

6            MS. BUTTON: Yeah. You cut out.

7            MS. MELCHER: -- Did --

8            MS. BUTTON: Sorry.

9            MS. MELCHER: Were you the author of *The Humphries*  
10        timeline, 2,200 Days of Hell on Earth and Counting?

11            MR. MOORE: We are not a author of the Humphries timeline.  
12        But, however, --

13            MS. MELCHER: Do you --

14            MR. MOORE: -- that --

15            MS. MELCHER: -- Do you know who wrote it?

16            MR. MOORE: No.

17            MS. MELCHER: Did you contrib --

18            MR. MOORE: But I can -- I -- I -- I would assume that all  
19        of us wrote it con -- considering it's factual, but no, we did  
20        not write that and we do not own the website. We do not  
21        publish to the website.

22            MS. MELCHER: I'm sorry. Did you say "All of us wrote  
23        it"?

24            MR. MOORE: Everyone involved in this since 2017, 'cause  
25        it seems to be a recap of history.

1 MS. MELCHER: Are you saying that Sage wrote it?

2 MR. MOORE: I'm saying that no, we did not write it. And,  
3 no, we are not the authors of it. And, no, we did not publish  
4 it onto the website.

5 MS. MELCHER: Okay. And, no, you did not give copies of  
6 your texts from own counsel to you to this -- to these websites  
7 to post?

8 MR. MOORE: No.

9 MS. MELCHER: Okay.

10 Can I take one minute, Your Honor? I just have one more  
11 thing.

12 [Pause]

13 MS. MELCHER: Do you know how the -- these texts between  
14 Ms. Humphries and Mr. Katz were put on the public docket?

15 MS. BUTTON: We --

16 MR. MOORE: [Crosstalk at 12:07:11 p.m.] --

17 MS. BUTTON: I'm sorry. We sent them to our attorney as  
18 soon as we found everything that we never knew we had, until we  
19 were told to search for it. We sent everything to --

20 MS. MELCHER: Okay.

21 MS. BUTTON: -- our attorney, and then --

22 MS. MELCHER: So, you --

23 MS. BUTTON: -- [Crosstalk at 12:07:21 p.m.] --

24 MS. MELCHER: Sorry.

25 MS. BUTTON: Sorry.

1 MS. MELCHER: Go ahead.

2 MS. BUTTON: Can you hear me?

3 MS. MELCHER: I'm sorry. Go ahead.

4 MS. BUTTON: Oh. I was -- I was saying, for a character

5 reference, he said he was going to put it in the docket,

6 because --

7 MS. MELCHER: Mm-hmm.

8 MS. BUTTON: -- of the text messages between them just to

9 show -- Basically, by him adding Katz --

10 MS. MELCHER: Thank you.

11 MS. BUTTON: -- as a third party --

12 MS. MELCHER: This is non-responsive, if you don't mind,

13 Your Honor.

14 MS. BUTTON: But, I'm trying to [Crosstalk at 12:07:43

15 p.m.] --

16 MR. MOORE: Can you explain what non-responsive --

17 MS. BUTTON: Yes.

18 MR. MOORE: -- means, --

19 MS. MELCHER: It means --

20 MR. MOORE: -- because we're not lawyers?

21 MS. MELCHER: -- I mean, if I ask you a specific question,

22 I'd like you to focus on that question and --

23 MS. BUTTON: I'm just --

24 MR. MOORE: Oh.

25 MS. BUTTON: -- [Crosstalk at 12:07:51 p.m.].

1 MS. MELCHER: -- just answer that question. So, if I say

2 --

3 MR. MOORE: But you -- you --

4 MS. MELCHER: So, I'm going to ask --

5 MS. BUTTON: [Crosstalk at 12:07:54 p.m.]

6 MS. MELCHER: -- you a question now. I'm going to say, --

7 MR. MOORE: You just --

8 MS. MELCHER: -- so you --

9 MR. MOORE: -- did.

10 MS. MELCHER: -- told me that you provided those e-mails  
11 to your lawyer, who then published them in the docket, correct?

12 MR. MOORE: So, you just admitted that we did respond.

13 So, it is responsive. And, yes, that is correct.

14 MS. MELCHER: I'm sorry. That's non-responsive. But, can  
15 -- may you -- could you please answer my question? Is it  
16 correct --

17 MS. BUTTON: We're trying --

18 MS. MELCHER: -- to summarize that you provided those text  
19 messages to your attorney to publish in this public docket?

20 MR. MOORE: No. That's incorrect.

21 MS. BUTTON: That's incorrect.

22 MR. MOORE: We did not provide them to him to publish. We  
23 provided them to him, and on his own merit, he published,  
24 because he's the lawyer and he's the one that understands how  
25 the legal system works.

1 MS. MELCHER: Okay.

2 MR. MOORE: So, no, we did not --

3 MS. MELCHER: But, --

4 MR. MOORE: -- provide them [Crosstalk at 12:08:32 p.m.]

5 MS. MELCHER: -- Ms. -- Mrs. Button, I'll address you,  
6 specifically, since you just said that with your knowledge, he  
7 published those documents in the public docket, is that  
8 correct? You --

9 MS. BUTTON: With my --

10 MS. MELCHER: -- You --

11 MS. BUTTON: -- knowledge, --

12 MS. MELCHER: -- were aware?

13 MS. BUTTON: -- yes.

14 MS. MELCHER: Yes. Okay.

15 MS. BUTTON: I was aware of it afterwards.

16 MS. MELCHER: And, you were --

17 MS. BUTTON: I don't ever talk --

18 MS. MELCHER: -- you were prohibited --

19 MS. BUTTON: -- [Crosstalk at 12:08:46 p.m.] --

20 MS. MELCHER: -- by the restraining order from publishing  
21 any of the contents of Sage -- any electronically stored  
22 information, whether it be texts --

23 MR. MOORE: That's correct.

24 MS. MELCHER: -- or photos or --

25 MR. MOORE: That's right.

1 MS. MELCHER: -- anything else?

2 MS. BUTTON: The -- You are correct --

3 MR. MOORE: And, we did not --

4 MS. BUTTON: -- in saying that.

5 MR. MOORE: -- publish --

6 MS. MELCHER: Okay.

7 MS. BUTTON: But, we did not --

8 MS. MELCHER: And so, --

9 MS. BUTTON: -- publish them.

10 MR. MOORE: -- We didn't publish any of them.

11 MS. MELCHER: But, --

12 MR. MOORE: My name's not Marc --

13 MS. MELCHER: -- But, they were as a --

14 MR. MOORE: -- [Crosstalk at 12:09:03 p.m.] --

15 MS. MELCHER: -- result of your actions printed in the

16 public docket, correct?

17 MS. BUTTON: So, we do not know what a docket is.

18 MS. MELCHER: Okay.

19 MS. BUTTON: We're new to this.

20 MR. MOORE: We --

21 MS. BUTTON: So, with him putting them anywhere --

22 MR. MOORE: It's his choice.

23 MS. BUTTON: -- in the legal system, it's his choice. I

24 have no idea what he [Crosstalk at 12:09:16 p.m.] --

25 MR. MOORE: We did --

1 MS. BUTTON: -- [Crosstalk at 12:09:17 p.m.] --

2 MR. MOORE: -- as our attorney --

3 MS. BUTTON: -- [Crosstalk at 12:09:17 p.m.]

4 MR. MOORE: -- told us to and provided the -- provided the  
5 text messages. And, no, we did not provide them to publish,  
6 and no, we did not publish.

7 MS. MELCHER: Okay.

8 MR. MOORE: Mr. Randazza did, [Issues with Zoom at  
9 12:09:26 p.m.] --

10 MS. MELCHER: Thank --

11 MR. MOORE: -- [Issues with Zoom at 12:09:27 p.m.].

12 MS. MELCHER: -- Thank you, Your Honor. I'm all set.

13 THE COURT: Mm-hmm. Thank you.

14 So, is there anything else, Ms. Button and Mr. Moore, that  
15 you would like the Court to know with regards to this hearing?

16 And, then, counsel, I'll hear you with regards to your  
17 recommendation to the Court for a prayer for relief.

18 MS. BUTTON: [Issues with Zoom at 12:09:53 p.m.], or?

19 MR. MOORE: Yeah. There -- Well, in regards to the  
20 contempt, there was one thing that we didn't touch on, that Ms.  
21 Melcher falsely accused us of and, again, twisted. Dusty's  
22 statement to the Daily Mail, we do admit she did say, in fact,  
23 that she would "be pouring over thousands of messages in order  
24 to prove her innocence." But, what she did not say is that she  
25 would be pouring over thousands of Sage's text messages from

1 her backup. So, they're trying to twist that statement into  
2 the fact that we're pouring through her folder that she  
3 willingly uploaded onto our hard drive. But, in fact, Dusty  
4 meant she's pouring over the messages that Sage sent to her.  
5 All of the loving, caring, "I'm in love with you, and I want to  
6 be married to you and have children with you" messages is what  
7 she was referring to. And, I just want to make that clear  
8 that, yes, she does admit to saying that, but, no, she was not  
9 referencing Sage's folder.

10 THE COURT: Mm-hmm.

11 MS. BUTTON: Not by any means.

12 THE COURT: Okay. Is there anything else?

13 MS. BUTTON: I'm --

14 MR. MOORE: For the contempt?

15 MS. BUTTON: In regards to contempt, or just in regards to  
16 everything?

17 THE COURT: In regards to contempt.

18 MS. BUTTON: I don't believe so.

19 MR. MOORE: I don't think so.

20 THE COURT: Okay.

21 [Pause]

22 THE COURT: Is there anything else?

23 MS. MELCHER: Not on the issue of contempt, except as it  
24 results to the prayer for relief and looking for attorney's  
25 fees.

1 THE COURT: I'll hear you.

2 MS. MELCHER: Okay. Your Honor, this -- Obviously, we're  
3 loo -- this is a permanent restraining order because of the  
4 egregious allegations back when it was originally put forward.

5 THE COURT: Mm-hmm.

6 MS. MELCHER: And, knowing that these parties continue to  
7 interact through the -- this -- the court legal process, it's  
8 very important that my client's, you know, privacy and right to  
9 not be abused, be protected. So, we're asking that not only --  
10 that they now destroy whatever copy they have on their folder,  
11 whether they know -- they're aware of it or not, that they  
12 search everything they have, which they should've done in the  
13 beginning, every hard drive they own, to make sure, and then  
14 provide a sworn affidavit that everything has been destroyed  
15 and turned over.

16 At this point, to clarify, we ask for sanctions of a  
17 hundred dollars a day until they provide a sworn affidavit that  
18 this has been done, in addition to destroying all -- any copies  
19 of documents, the original files, however they want to parse it  
20 or word it. We do not want to hear about them having copies  
21 somehow magically in the future.

22 We were also looking for contempt sanctions for at least f  
23 -- the four times that we're aware of that they published her  
24 information, one being on the public docket in Nevada, that  
25 they just testified to, one being by provided images to the

1 Daily Mail, and two for the two websites that's in the two  
2 videos that they -- that have been created, *The Real Sage*  
3 *Humphries One and Two*, which we would say, although they deny  
4 making these videos, the fact that the videos contain their  
5 privileged e-mails from their own counsel to themselves,  
6 there's no way -- They testified they don't believe their  
7 counsel gave these messages to the creator of the video.

8 So, it begets the question of how on earth could the  
9 creator of a video get privileged messages between counsel and  
10 the Buttons without the Buttons having provided it? If the  
11 Buttons are telling us their lawyer didn't do it, that leaves  
12 one other person that would've had access to those messages.  
13 So, we are looking for sanctions for each of those four  
14 occasions, and we are looking for upwards of attorney's fees,  
15 of which I can provide an affidavit for today. I was waiting  
16 until this hearing was finished so I would know how long the  
17 hearing was.

18 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you.

19 Mr. Moore, Ms. Buttons [sic], would you like to respond?

20 MR. MOORE: Yeah. Yeah. We'll try to respond to  
21 everything [Issues with Zoom at 12:14:31 p.m.] in the ending of  
22 that -- closing of that argument, she referenced how someone  
23 could magically obtain privileged communications between our  
24 attorney and us, but we asked the same thing of how Ms. Melcher  
25 magically obtained -- or how Sage's other legal team magically

1 obtained private communications between our attorney and Daryl  
2 Katz's attorney. Which is what, ultimately, led to us -- And  
3 again, on record, under oath -- forfeiting that folder,  
4 returning it to her attorney, and destroying every copy that we  
5 had of it.

6 I -- We're more than happy to, as soon as we hang up this  
7 call, provide a declaration. We provided, maybe, a dozen of  
8 them already, which is ironic, because Sage herself won't go on  
9 oath -- won't go under oath and -- and state any of these  
10 things, aside from the things that she's stating here today,  
11 the things that we've disproved and every single bit of  
12 evidence that we have. But, like I said, we're happy to  
13 provide it. We're under oath now. We're saying, yes, it was  
14 destroyed. We, actually, again, knew that this would happen,  
15 so we filmed an unbroken video for 20 minutes, making sure that  
16 the Court understood fully that we abided by the orders, to  
17 which we returned, and then to -- not to our surprise, they did  
18 find that they didn't receive everything in the folder. But,  
19 yeah, we -- we -- we've destroyed it. It's all been destroyed.  
20 We don't publish it. We have no plans to publish it. Again,  
21 we want nothing to do with Sage Humphries or her family, or  
22 anyone else that represents her, for that matter.

23 MS. BUTTON: Ever.

24 MR. MOORE: Only thing that we want to do is put her and  
25 that terrible part of our life behind us, and it -- Like we

1 said before, we understand that this relationship was  
2 unconventional and odd to begin with, but we don't believe that  
3 it constitutes destruction of two innocent lives.

4 THE COURT: All right. Did you want to say something,  
5 counsel?

6 MS. MELCHER: Just I noted that he said Ms. Humphries  
7 wouldn't testify under oath. She did want to make a statement  
8 --

9 THE COURT: Certainly.

10 MS. MELCHER: -- if you allow.

11 [SAGE HUMPHRIES, Sworn.]

12 THE COURT: All right. Thank you. Good afternoon.

13 MS. HUMPHRIES: Good afternoon. Thank you so much for --

14 THE COURT: Mm-hmm.

15 MS. HUMPHRIES: -- respectfully considering what I have to  
16 say.

17 When I filed this restraining order initially in the  
18 summer of 2017, it's because I was afraid for my life. The  
19 abusive situation that I escaped from Dusty and Taylor I  
20 wouldn't wish upon my worst enemy. I was in grave danger and  
21 fear over these two people. I wrote the affidavit myself in  
22 the summer of 2017, and I did so knowing that they would not  
23 stop unless I got this protective order.

24 When I was here testifying for this protective order, I  
25 asked the judge to please consider adding that extra section

1 about my electronically stored information, because I knew that  
2 these people were vengeful and malicious, and I knew that they  
3 would try to blackmail me later in my life. I had seen  
4 evidence from the time that I spent with them that they did  
5 that with people who crossed them.

6 In the summer of 2020, I met another woman who was abused  
7 by Taylor at the young age of 14, which prompted me and her to  
8 file the civil lawsuit in Nevada. We are now joined by five  
9 other women who are very brave in coming forward about this  
10 traumatic part of our lives.

11 As you can tell, by the way that the Buttons talk, they  
12 are very manipulative people, and the way that they talked over  
13 me at the young age of 19 left me powerless in that situation,  
14 but I refuse to be powerless now. I stand before you at 25  
15 years old, and I am continuously being harassed by them and  
16 their use of my personal information. My worst fears were  
17 confirmed the summer when they filed third-party lawsuits using  
18 that protected material to defame me and my character and paint  
19 a false narrative of who I am and who my family is.

20 We filed sanctions in Nevada against the use of this  
21 information in our litigation, and I went through the proper  
22 legal channels to make sure that this information would be  
23 contained, even though they had no right to have it in the  
24 first place. The sanctions were granted in Nevada. Despite me  
25 going through the proper legal matters to obtain the

1      sanctions and to prevent them from using this information, they  
2      have chosen to publicly post this information on YouTube,  
3      Instagram, and their website, JusticefortheButtons. They have  
4      sent it out to colleagues of mine. They have sent it out to  
5      friends of mine. This has caused me personal and professional  
6      harm. It has caused my family personal and professional harm.

7            I am asking that you please consider the criminal actions  
8      of these two people and their utter disregard for the legal  
9      system, and that they have been ordered to surrender this  
10     information years ago, yet they continue to use it to harass me  
11     and bully me, alongside the six other plaintiffs in this case.  
12     Thank you.

13           MS. MELCHER: Your Honor, one other point. I do have  
14     those videos. If you wanted, I could forward them to the court  
15     e-mail if the Court wanted them to review.

16           THE COURT: Mm-hmm. Are you speaking about *The Real Sage*  
17     *Humphries One and Two*?

18           MS. MELCHER: All the videos that I referred to --

19           THE COURT: So, --

20           MS. MELCHER: -- earlier. But, yes, those --

21           THE COURT: -- So, during the course of the hearing, there  
22     was testimony, and I asked for clarification --

23           MS. MELCHER: Yep.

24           THE COURT: -- a couple of times that the authors or  
25     producers of these videos were not the defendants, correct?

1 MS. MELCHER: They deny being the defendants, but they  
2 also admit that -- of the contents of that video being  
3 communications between themselves and their own personal  
4 attorney. They testified --

5 THE COURT: Right.

6 MS. MELCHER: -- that their attorney didn't provide those  
7 e-mails to the v -- to the makers of this video.

8 THE COURT: Mm-hmm.

9 MS. MELCHER: The videos contain, also, all of the images  
10 which he noted coming from Ms. Humphries cellphone, --

11 THE COURT: Mm-hmm.

12 MS. MELCHER: -- which he was in poss -- they were in  
13 possession of.

14 THE COURT: When you say they, --

15 MS. MELCHER: Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Button. I understand  
16 that --

17 THE COURT: But, how could the Court link up -- connect  
18 the dots to all --

19 MS. MELCHER: I would say it's an --

20 THE COURT: -- to this evidence that --

21 MS. MELCHER: -- abundance of --

22 THE COURT: -- was not produced or authored by Mr. Moore  
23 or Ms. Buttons?

24 MS. MELCHER: Well, simply because they had the motive and  
25 opportunity. They're known -- They have a reputation for

1 creating these types of videos, the video's --

2 THE COURT: Well, and the Court needs --

3 MS. MELCHER: -- specific purpose is --

4 THE COURT: I mean, the Court needs more than --

5 MS. MELCHER: And, the fact that it --

6 THE COURT: -- creativity or --

7 MS. MELCHER: No.

8 THE COURT: -- reputation.

9 MS. MELCHER: It's not just creativity. It's that they --

10 How on earth would the makers of this video that they claim not

11 to even know get ahold of their privileged communications --

12 THE COURT: So, who --

13 MS. MELCHER: -- through counsel?

14 THE COURT: -- who are the makers of these videos?

15 MS. MELCHER: They claim they don't know.

16 THE COURT: When you say they, does -- do you or your  
17 investigators know?

18 MS. MELCHER: We -- I believe that it -- And, I know that  
19 in a lot --

20 THE COURT: No, not --

21 MS. MELCHER: -- of cases --

22 THE COURT: -- just believe. I -- The Court needs hard  
23 evidence.

24 MS. MELCHER: So, the videos do con -- also contain  
25 personal discovery that was provided by Ms. Humphries to their

1      counsel in the Nevada lawsuit. Again, it's circumstantial  
2      evidence. I understand --

3                THE COURT: Mm-hmm.

4                MS. MELCHER: -- it's not hard evidence, Your Honor. But,  
5      there's so much privileged information that is included in  
6      these videos, which are made for the benefit of *Justice for the*  
7      *Buttons*, for the benefit of the Buttons, --

8                THE COURT: Mm-hmm.

9                MS. MELCHER: -- clearly containing information that only  
10     they have access to. I don't see how they can stand there and  
11     claim that they don't know who created --

12              THE COURT: And, --

13              MS. MELCHER: -- or that they weren't involved directly.

14              THE COURT: -- And, you said that their attorney gave it  
15     to the producers of these videos?

16              MS. MELCHER: No. They said that their attorney did not.  
17     I asked them that in the -- these series of question. I said,  
18     "Do you think" -- They -- I said, "Did you see that these  
19     videos contained e-mails from your counsel to you," and they  
20     said "Yes." I said, "Do you think your attorney gave the maker  
21     of the video copies of these e-mails?" "No." They don't think  
22     the attorney did that. They don't think so. And so, it leaves  
23     one other person --

24              THE COURT: Mm-hmm.

25              MS. MELCHER: -- that would yet have copies of these

1 communications. They're privileged communications from a  
2 lawyer to a person. I just don't see how else anybody could  
3 have them to put [Crosstalk at 12:23:02 p.m.] --

4 MR. MOORE: That's not true.

5 THE COURT: Did you want to respond, Mr. Moore or Ms.  
6 Buttons?

7 MR. MOORE: And, we're -- We're sitting here today, so I  
8 don't know why we're discussing -- Like, if -- if Marc Randazza  
9 should be in a hearing, I feel like he should be here to speak  
10 for himself. But, as we stated, no, to our knowledge, and, no,  
11 do we never believe he would, because as a lawyer I feel like  
12 it would be pretty stupid to do something like that. And, he  
13 does have a Bar Association to worry about, ethic violation,  
14 and I -- I -- I can't believe and/or imagine that he would  
15 violate those ethics that he swore to for the Bar Association.

16 THE COURT: All right. Thank you. Well, with regards to  
17 this hearing, the Court is going to take this matter under  
18 advisement.

19 MS. MELCHER: Thank you, Your Honor.

20 THE COURT: Yep.

21 THE CLERK: And, Your Honor, --

22 THE COURT: Mm-hmm.

23 THE CLERK: -- for clarification --

24 THE COURT: Excuse me?

25 THE CLERK: Just for --

1       THE COURT: Yep. For your clarification --

2       THE CLERK: Please and thank you, --

3       THE COURT: Yes.

4       THE CLERK: -- is there anything further that's being  
5 submitted by plaintiff's counsel that was referenced earlier?  
6 I don't know if anything else is coming in or not.

7       MS. MELCHER: Can I -- I was asking can I video -- can I  
8 e-mail over the videos for counsel's review -- for the  
9 attorney's review -- Judge's review? Sorry. And, they're very  
10 clearly referenced, you know, dates and times and e-mail  
11 addresses in the affidavit. And, --

12      MR. MOORE: Am I allowed to speak or --

13      THE COURT: Yes. We -- We're not -- I'm not saying  
14 anything, sir. Did you want to say something? I'm thinking.

15      MR. MOORE: I was -- I was asking, if you're going to send  
16 those videos over, can you send the evidence of who created  
17 them and who owned them, as well, considering that's required  
18 of this Court to prove that it's us, since she claimed it was  
19 us?

20      THE COURT: Well, since you did submit them, and Mr. Moore  
21 and Ms. Button do have a copy of what was submitted, you can  
22 offer into evidence.

23      So, as I look at this other document before the Court, was  
24 there a YouTube channel created? You -- You're not referencing  
25 that, are you?

1 MS. MELCHER: The videos are shown on the YouTube channel,

2 --

3 THE COURT: Oh, --

4 MS. MELCHER: -- but --

5 THE COURT: Okay.

6 MS. MELCHER: Yeah.

7 THE COURT: Thank you. All right. As I said, the Court  
8 will take this matter under advisement.

9 [Pause 12:25:49 p.m. to 12:26:45 p.m.]

10 THE COURT: So, as I stated, the Court is going to take  
11 this matter under advisement. I know there's a second motion  
12 before the Court. The Court is inclined -- Right now, I need  
13 to take a 10-minute recess before we start the next motion, or  
14 we can start at two o'clock, because the Court needs to break  
15 from one to two for a matter.

16 MS. BUTTON: Okay.

17 MR. MOORE: Whatever's best --

18 MS. BUTTON: Whichever --

19 MR. MOORE: -- for the Court.

20 MS. BUTTON: Yeah, convenient for you.

21 [Pause]

22 THE COURT: I'll be back in five minutes. How about that?  
23 All right?

24 MS. MELCHER: Thank you.

25 [Matter in Recess at 12:27:46 p.m.]

1                   [Back on Record at 12:40:48 p.m.]

2       THE COURT: Can you hear us?

3       THE CLERK: All right. Good afternoon, everyone. We're  
4 back on the record.

5       MS. BUTTON: Good afternoon.

6       MR. MOORE: Good afternoon.

7       THE CLERK: Thank you.

8       THE COURT: So, I would like to take the lunch hour to see  
9 if, procedurally, the Court would hear a motion to vacate a  
10 permanent restraining order. So, I can come back at two  
11 o'clock, or I could put this over to another date. But, I want  
12 to be sure that this is, procedurally, the avenue to go.

13      MR. MOORE: Okay.

14      MS. BUTTON: Okay.

15      THE COURT: So, parties, would you like to come back at  
16 two o'clock, or we can put it over for another date?

17      MR. MOORE: We originally -- Last week we filed for a  
18 continuance to try to allow ourselves time, because we weren't  
19 aware that it would be compounded with today, so we wouldn't  
20 mind another date, if that's all right with everyone there.

21      MS. BUTTON: But, if it's inconvenient --

22      MR. MOORE: Yeah.

23      THE COURT: It's not --

24      MS. BUTTON: -- for you, then --

25      THE COURT: -- It's not about -- It's not inconvenient to

1 the Court. I wanted to make sure the parties are --

2 MS. MELCHER: My --

3 THE COURT: -- informed and ready.

4 MS. BUTTON: Okay. So, we're -- we're okay with either  
5 option. We -- And, another date would be great, but if not,  
6 then --

7 THE COURT: Okay.

8 MS. BUTTON: -- you know, --

9 THE COURT: I do need time to look into this. I do need  
10 time, --

11 MS. MELCHER: Is it possible that --

12 THE COURT: -- procedurally.

13 MS. MELCHER: -- yeah, that we would not have a hearing,  
14 potentially? My client --

15 THE COURT: It could go --

16 MS. MELCHER: -- did --

17 THE COURT: -- either way. I don't know. I don't -- I  
18 cannot --

19 MS. MELCHER: Right.

20 THE COURT: -- give you a definitive answer without  
21 looking into it.

22 MS. MELCHER: I understand, Your Honor. And, I did do  
23 some research on it myself. My client did take the day off  
24 from work today, --

25 THE COURT: Mm-hmm.

1 MS. MELCHER: -- so she was more inclined to come back at  
2 two o'clock.

3 THE COURT: Mm-hmm. Okay. It doesn't matter to me. I'm  
4 here all day. So, before you go, you said you did research on  
5 what, counsel?

6 MS. MELCHER: On the issue of vacating the current  
7 restraining order.

8 THE COURT: And, what did you --

9 MS. MELCHER: I --

10 THE COURT: -- find in your research?

11 MS. MELCHER: Nothing compelling. I have somebody --

12 THE COURT: Nothing --

13 MS. MELCHER: -- sending me --

14 THE COURT: -- compelling?

15 MS. MELCHER: -- over a memo right now, but. So, --

16 THE COURT: Okay.

17 MS. MELCHER: -- I might have some more information for  
18 you --

19 THE COURT: Okay.

20 MS. MELCHER: -- after the break.

21 THE COURT: Two o'clock. Thank you.

22 MS. MELCHER: Thank you.

23 MR. MOORE: Thank you.

24 THE CLERK: Certainly. I just want to make sure I  
25 understood your previous finding on the videos that counsel had

1 mentioned as to specific dates. Is the Court requesting that  
2 those be --

3 THE COURT: They can be submitted.

4 THE CLERK: Okay.

5 THE COURT: Yes.

6 THE CLERK: Would you like -- Is there a particular manner  
7 in which you'd like them submitted, either a -- a thumb drive  
8 or something, or --

9 THE COURT: Whatever's convenient to the court.

10 THE CLERK: Okay.

11 [Crosstalk at 12:43:22 p.m.]

12 THE CLERK: While everyone's here, just to clarify what  
13 exactly that is, --

14 MS. MELCHER: There's --

15 THE CLERK: -- counsel?

16 MS. MELCHER: -- two videos, *The Real Sage Humphries One*  
17 and *Two*, that we're going to send over.

18 THE CLERK: Okay. And, this is -- this is d -- this is  
19 referenced from February 14 of '23?

20 MS. MELCHER: I believe that's the date -- the last day we  
21 accessed them. I'm not sure exactly their posting --

22 THE CLERK: Okay.

23 MS. MELCHER: But, that's what we --

24 THE CLERK: So, --

25 MS. MELCHER: Yeah.

1 THE CLERK: The Real Sage videos part one and two?

2 MS. MELCHER: Correct.

3 THE CLERK: Okay. And, is it possible that those could be  
4 submitted via thumb drive or something to that effect to go  
5 from here and brought to the court?

6 MS. MELCHER: Certainly. I mean, it's more convenient to  
7 e-mail them, but I could have --

8 THE COURT: You could --

9 MS. MELCHER: -- someone drive it in.

10 THE COURT: -- E-mail is fine.

11 THE CLERK: Okay. Okay.

12 THE COURT: E-mail is --

13 THE CLERK: [Crosstalk at 12:44:02 p.m.] --

14 THE COURT: -- fine.

15 THE CLERK: -- [Crosstalk at 12:44:03 p.m.]. And, is  
16 there anything else?

17 MS. MELCHER: Okay.

18 THE CLERK: There were a few other things that were  
19 mentioned. I just wanted clarity as to what's coming in and  
20 what's not coming in.

21 MS. MELCHER: I would submit all the videos that I  
22 mentioned prior, if the judge wants to see them, but I think  
23 the strongest ones are Sage Humphries One and Two.

24 THE COURT: Counsel, it's your case. You can submit  
25 whatever you'd like into evidence.

1 MS. MELCHER: Okay.

2 THE COURT: I mean, we have moved on, but --

3 MS. MELCHER: The ones that I --

4 THE COURT: -- but --

5 MS. MELCHER: -- that I mentioned that I said I would  
6 submit, I will submit them.

7 THE COURT: Okay.

8 THE CLERK: Okay. Thank you.

9 THE COURT: Thank you.

10 THE CLERK: Okay.

11 THE COURT: Two o'clock.

12 THE CLERK: Two o'clock. Thank you, --

13 THE COURT: Yes.

14 THE CLERK: -- Your Honor.

15 THE COURT: Thank you, counsel.

16 THE CLERK: Okay. For the record, it's 181 and 182.

17 That's 2017RO. This is the hearing on the complaint for  
18 contempt has been taken under reservation [sic]. Plaintiff's  
19 counsel to submit at least the parts one and two of -- The name  
20 of the video again, counsel?

21 MS. MELCHER: Sa -- *The Real Sage Humphries*.

22 THE CLERK: *The Real Sage Humphries One and Two*, and that  
23 can be, with the Court's permission, e-mailed. I'll give you  
24 our e-mail address --

25 MS. MELCHER: Yep.

1 THE CLERK: -- and just indicate that -- indicate that  
2 that's for the Court with the docket number. As I said --

3 MS. MELCHER: Yep.

4 THE CLERK: -- a moment ago, our e-mail is fairly  
5 voluminous, and we want to --

6 MS. MELCHER: Okay.

7 THE CLERK: -- get this to the Court as soon as we can, so  
8 --

9 MS. MELCHER: [Crosstalk at 12:45:21 p.m.] --

10 THE CLERK: -- we'll -- we'll --

11 MS. MELCHER: -- [Crosstalk at 12:45:22 p.m.]

12 THE CLERK: -- kind of tag it, please and thank you. It's  
13 bmccentral@jud.state.ma.us. And, as soon as we get them, we  
14 will get those over to the Court.

15 MS. MELCHER: The name of the other video, just so you  
16 know, is e-mail is *The Katz out of the Bag*.

17 THE CLERK: Okay. So, just for -- I know the Court's not  
18 on the bench anymore, but I understand everyone's --

19 MS. MELCHER: I'm sorry.

20 THE CLERK: -- still listening. We're still on the  
21 record. So, this is parts -- from The Real Sage Humphries  
22 Parts One and Two and video of *The Katz out of the Bag*,  
23 referenced in Paragraph 12 of what?

24 MS. MELCHER: Of the affidavit Sage Humphries dated today.

25 THE CLERK: Thank you. Okay. That's everything that's

1 coming over, as best we know. We'll take whatever you have. I  
2 just want everybody to be on the same page.

3 MS. MELCHER: Okay.

4 THE CLERK: Okay.

5 MS. MELCHER: Thank you.

6 THE CLERK: Thank you. And, everyone else here on the  
7 motion to vacate, we'll continue at two p.m.

8 All right, folks, you can log back on at two p.m., same  
9 everything, same Zoom instructions. You don't have to stay on.  
10 That work?

11 MS. BUTTON: Yeah. That's --

12 MR. MOORE: Yes, sir.

13 MS. BUTTON: -- perfect.

14 THE CLERK: All right.

15 MS. BUTTON: Thank you.

16 THE CLERK: Thank you very much, everyone. This court  
17 will stand in recess until two p.m.

18 MR. MOORE: Thank you.

19 THE CLERK: Thank you.

20 [Matter in Recess at 12:46:48 p.m.]

21 [Back on Record at 2:14:54 p.m.]

22 THE CLERK: Recalling Docket No. 201701RO, Docket Nos. 181  
23 and 1701RO Docket No. 182.

24 THE COURT: Thank you.

25 All right. Good afternoon. Everyone, good afternoon.

1 One moment.

2 MS. BUTTON: Good --

3 MR. MOORE: Good --

4 MS. BUTTON: -- afternoon.

5 MR. MOORE: -- afternoon.

6 THE COURT: So, the Court is asking the clerk to look at  
7 the docket for the restraining order with regards to notice to  
8 the defendants.

9 If you could talk so I can hear --

10 THE CLERK: Certainly.

11 THE COURT: -- everyone can hear?

12 THE CLERK: Certainly. So, reading off of Docket No. 181,  
13 Your Honor, the initial 209A complaint was filed on August 1st  
14 of 2017. Return of service was -- And, the defendant is Mr.  
15 Moore on that particular Docket 181. Return of service was  
16 made in-hand, it looks like, on October 2nd of 2017. On  
17 October 3rd, notice of appearance by Attorney Kevin Mahoney was  
18 filed in the Clerk's Office.

19 THE COURT: This is 2017?

20 THE CLERK: Yes.

21 THE COURT: Okay.

22 THE CLERK: The extension hearing on August 15, it looks  
23 like plaintiff's counsel, Attorney Melcher, was present,  
24 Attorney Mahoney was present, plaintiff sworn, testified,  
25 introduced exhibits, and the order was extended. The record

1 states that plaintiff was given a copy in-hand in court, and  
2 the defendant was served in court by the court officer. That  
3 was the first extension hearing on August 15 of 2017.

4 A year later, August 14 of 2018, it looks like Attorney  
5 Melcher was here for the plaintiff. Defendant was not present.  
6 Counsel was not present. At that time, the order was extended  
7 and made permanent. And, there was an updated address provided  
8 for the defendant by either plaintiff or plaintiff counsel at  
9 7950 Sunset Boulevard, West Hollywood, California.

10 THE COURT: And, what date was that?

11 THE CLERK: That was August 14 of 2018.

12 THE COURT: Oh. So, how did the court get that address if  
13 the attorney wasn't here?

14 THE CLERK: No. The -- I apol -- The plaintiff provided  
15 that updated address --

16 THE COURT: Oh.

17 THE CLERK: -- for the defendant, according to the docket.

18 THE COURT: Okay. So, according to the docket, just to  
19 reiterate, on August 14th of 2018, the defendants were not  
20 present in court, and they were -- there was no attorney  
21 present in court for the defendants?

22 THE CLERK: According to the docket, that's correct,  
23 Judge.

24 THE COURT: And so, there was a hearing ex parte with just  
25 one side present?

1       THE CLERK: Yes.

2       THE COURT: And, a permanent --

3       THE CLERK: Parties -- The defendants --

4       THE COURT: -- [Crosstalk at 2:17:33 p.m.]?

5       THE CLERK: -- were notified. But, yes, according to the  
6 docket, plaintiff's counsel was present, defendants were not  
7 present, defense counsel was not present, and that was the time  
8 when the order was made permanent. I can verify that with the  
9 other docket, Your Honor. It may be the same. I don't know.

10      THE COURT: Yes, please.

11      THE CLERK: Certainly. Notice of appearance August 3 of  
12 2017 by Attorney Mahoney for the defendant. Attorney Mahoney  
13 was present on -- Again, these dates are the same. This is as  
14 to Docket 182 where Ms. Button is the defendant. Plaintiff  
15 given copy of the extension order of one year to 8/14/18 in-  
16 hand. Defendant served in-hand by the court officer. And,  
17 again, August 14th of 2018, Attorney Melcher was here  
18 representing the plaintiff. Defendant was not present.

19      THE COURT: Okay. Thank you.

20      THE CLERK: Certainly. Then the order was extended on a  
21 permanent basis. The record is pretty much the same, Your  
22 Honor. Plaintiff provided an updated address for the  
23 defendant, 7950 Sunset Boulevard, West Hollywood, California.

24      THE COURT: So, there's no proof in the record that they  
25 were represented or that they were given notice to appear?

1 THE CLERK: No. They were in court the year before.

2 THE COURT: The year before?

3 THE CLERK: And, given that date, which [Crosstalk at  
4 2:19:01 p.m.]

5 THE COURT: And, was there two different addresses? Did  
6 they move from one address to another in the interim?

7 THE CLERK: According to the -- the complaint for abuse  
8 prevention, first has a Somerville address for, I believe, both  
9 parties.

10 THE COURT: Mm-hmm.

11 THE CLERK: It looks like it's 445 Artisan Way, Apartment  
12 531 in Somerville, and that's as to both defendants. And, the  
13 updated address stated is the West Hollywood, California  
14 address that was provided by plaintiff to the court on August  
15 14th of '18. I can continue on, if it's helpful to the Court.  
16 I don't know.

17 THE COURT: As far as what?

18 THE CLERK: The -- The continuation of the case, there was  
19 a affidavit of service with --

20 THE COURT: What date is that?

21 THE CLERK: -- for the permanent order, so after August 14  
22 of 2018, there was --

23 THE COURT: So, this is after the hearing --

24 THE CLERK: That's --

25 THE COURT: -- occurred?

1 THE CLERK: -- correct.

2 THE COURT: Okay.

3 THE CLERK: Yes. This is after the hearing.

4 THE COURT: Okay. I don't think I need that --

5 THE CLERK: Okay.

6 THE COURT: -- for --

7 THE CLERK: Certainly.

8 THE COURT: -- this motion.

9 THE CLERK: Sure. Thank you.

10 THE COURT: Okay. So, I did say to all parties that I  
11 took the lunchbreak to see if, procedurally, a motion to vacate  
12 in this court is proper, and after our research, it is. The  
13 defendants were procedurally correct in filing their motion to  
14 vacate. General Laws Chapter 209A, Section 3 provides that the  
15 court may modify an order at any subsequent time upon motion by  
16 either party. And, the information that has just been provided  
17 to the Court by the Clerk is that at the time of the -- the  
18 permanent hearing was issued -- the permanent restraining order  
19 was issued, the defendants were not present to be heard, and  
20 there was no lawyer for them at this hearing. So, I do think  
21 that it's proper to file this motion.

22 I do think that the Court would set this down for a  
23 hearing. As I said, the Court can, at any time, modify an  
24 order subsequent to any motion by either party, and that would  
25 be whether to not vacate the order, modify the order, change

1 the time period, or modify any other party restraining order,  
2 it is proper for the Court to hear.

3 MS. BUTTON: Thank you, Your Honor.

4 THE COURT: You're welcome.

5 So, the Court -- If the parties would like to agree to a  
6 date, I would say sooner than later.

7 MS. BUTTON: We are happy with whatever date you would be  
8 willing to provide for us.

9 THE COURT: Mm-hmm.

10 MS. BUTTON: We're happy to make anything work.

11 THE COURT: Okay.

12 I'll ask counsel, what would be preferable to you?

13 MS. MELCHER: Were we not proceeding with that today?

14 THE COURT: No.

15 MS. MELCHER: Okay.

16 THE COURT: We're not.

17 MS. MELCHER: Let me -- If you don't mind, I'm just going  
18 to --

19 THE COURT: Absolutely.

20 MS. MELCHER: -- pull my calendar up.

21 THE COURT: Take your time.

22 MS. MELCHER: Okay.

23 THE COURT: And, like I said, it could be a shorter date.

24 But, I am going to allow a hearing on the motion to vacate that  
25 was filed --

1 MS. BUTTON: Thank you.

2 THE COURT: -- that was filed by the defendants in this  
3 case.

4 THE CLERK: Your Honor, just one other thing.

5 THE COURT: Yes. Of course.

6 THE CLERK: The Clerk's Office received, via e-mail, this  
7 afternoon --

8 THE COURT: Yeah.

9 THE CLERK: -- It was given to me shortly before I came  
10 down for two o'clock -- something from the defendants listed as  
11 a declaration, so I don't -- It looks like counsel for --

12 THE COURT: Oh.

13 THE CLERK: -- plaintiff was cc'd on it, but we've got --

14 THE COURT: On the prior hearing?

15 THE CLERK: -- one here for each one.

16 THE COURT: Okay. One moment.

17 [Pause]

18 THE COURT: Okay. All right. Thank you.

19 THE CLERK: Certainly.

20 THE COURT: Yes?

21 MS. MELCHER: We can do March 27th. If the Court could do  
22 a Monday, --

23 THE COURT: Mm-hmm.

24 MS. MELCHER: -- the first Monday? My client has Mondays  
25 off.

1 THE COURT: That's fine.

2 Is March -- Does March 27th --

3 Did you want an eleven o'clock call? Is that what we had  
4 ordered, Mr. Clerk?

5 THE CLERK: The initial --

6 THE COURT: Eleven --

7 THE CLERK: -- [Crosstalk at 2:23:55 p.m.] --

8 THE COURT: -- o'clock call on March --

9 THE CLERK: -- [Crosstalk at 2:23:56 p.m.].

10 THE COURT: -- 27th, is that agreeable to the defendants?

11 MR. MOORE: Yes, Your Honor.

12 MS. BUTTON: Yes, Your Honor. Are we able to do it on  
13 Zoom again, or do we need to be present in --

14 THE COURT: No. You can do it on Zoom.

15 MS. BUTTON: Okay. Thank you. Yes. That works for us.

16 THE COURT: Mm-hmm. Now, the other thing -- Now, the  
17 Court, during the lunchbreak did read, obviously, the motion to  
18 vacate, and in that motion, when this hearing does take place,  
19 I would encourage all parties to bring to court any police  
20 reports or any exhibits or anything like that that they would  
21 like to introduce at the next hearing. So, if there were  
22 mentions of police reports, those should be delivered to the  
23 Court prior to the hearing, not the day of.

24 MR. MOORE: Okay.

25 MS. BUTTON: Yes, Your Honor.

1 THE COURT: Same with counsel.

2 MS. MELCHER: Certainly, Your Honor. To make it clear --

3 THE COURT: Yeah.

4 MS. MELCHER: -- that anything that gets delivered to the  
5 court should also be copied to me, because --

6 THE COURT: Yes.

7 MS. MELCHER: -- it wasn't --

8 THE COURT: Of course.

9 MS. MELCHER: -- last time.

10 THE COURT: Of course.

11 MS. MELCHER: Just --

12 THE COURT: Of course. Yes.

13 MS. MELCHER: -- so they understand.

14 THE COURT: So, --

15 MS. MELCHER: But --

16 THE COURT: Of course. Yes.

17 MS. MELCHER: -- also, it's my understanding --

18 THE COURT: So, let me just reiterate --

19 MS. MELCHER: Sure. Yeah.

20 THE COURT: -- that to them.

21 So, Ms. Button and Mr. Moore, if you are going to file  
22 some of the police reports that you stated in your motion, you  
23 have to file them -- Well, you have to send them to counsel, as  
24 well. So, anything that the Court gets, counsel gets, as well,  
25 so we all have the same information. So, as I said, when I

1 read it over the lunchbreak, I noticed there were a number of  
2 police reports that were mentioned. Mentioning is not  
3 sufficient enough. It has to be provided to the Court if  
4 you're going to argue them.

5 MR. MOORE: Yes.

6 MS. BUTTON: Yes, Your Honor.

7 THE COURT: Same goes for both sides. Okay?

8 MR. MOORE: Can we -- I'm sorry. Can we ask, do we mail  
9 these or e-mail these? What's the best method?

10 THE COURT: Mr. Clerk, what would you prefer, the e-mail?

11 THE CLERK: They could be e-mails, so long as it's a  
12 reasonable amount of time before the date. The e-mail is very  
13 voluminous, as I'm sure everyone may have experienced already,  
14 so if it's within a week before the date, at least as far as  
15 the Clerk's Office goes, that gives us enough time to make sure  
16 everything is filed and that we have everything for the Court.

17 THE COURT: Thank you.

18 MS. BUTTON: We can send it as soon as possible. Thank  
19 you.

20 THE COURT: All right. And, did you want to say  
21 something, counsel?

22 MS. MELCHER: I just -- Yeah. I wanted to mention, I was  
23 looking over the break, as well, at the --

24 THE COURT: Yes.

25 MS. MELCHER: -- MacDonald vs. Caruso case, and it seemed

1 to me --

2 THE COURT: Which case?

3 MS. MELCHER: MacDonald vs. Caruso. It's a SJC case, I  
4 think, originally in 2014. It went to 2019, 467 Mass. 382. I  
5 don't know --

6 THE COURT: Okay.

7 MS. MELCHER: -- if you have --

8 THE COURT: Could you --

9 MS. MELCHER: -- it there.

10 THE COURT: -- Could you give that to me again, please?

11 MS. MELCHER: Sure. 467 Mass. 382. That was a 2014  
12 opinion.

13 THE COURT: 2014? And, what --

14 MS. MELCHER: Yes.

15 THE COURT: -- you like to say?

16 MS. MELCHER: Just that they do talk about the fact that -  
17 - you know, that the plaintiff has already proved her burden by  
18 the time you get to a vacate hearing three times, like the  
19 original 209A.

20 THE COURT: Mm-hmm.

21 MS. MELCHER: So, that this isn't about the plaintiff per  
22 --

23 THE COURT: No. This -- So, --

24 MS. MELCHER: It said it was about the preponderance of  
25 evidence whether or not it should be vacated.

1 THE COURT: But, we haven't got there yet.

2 MS. MELCHER: But, that's what the hearing is going to be  
3 about.

4 THE COURT: But, --

5 MS. MELCHER: It's not upon the plaintiff to --

6 THE COURT: -- But, --

7 MS. MELCHER: -- prove a burden.

8 THE COURT: Understood.

9 MS. MELCHER: Yes.

10 THE COURT: Understood. But, what I'm -- what I was  
11 looking at the, obviously, the motion to vacate, but the fact  
12 that the defendants weren't present, they didn't have an  
13 opportunity to be heard, and they didn't have an attorney. So,  
14 --

15 MS. MELCHER: It just seems to me, Your Honor, that they --  
16 you know, they were given notice of the very -- the initial  
17 hearing. They were given notice of the day and the time of the  
18 hearing, and they chose not to come back the next year. My  
19 client was told what --

20 MR. MOORE: [Crosstalk at 2:27:39 p.m.]

21 THE COURT: Okay. So, --

22 MR. MOORE: [Crosstalk at 2:27:41 p.m.]

23 MS. MELCHER: -- day and time. They were served in-hand  
24 in court, as your officer just read to you, that they received  
25 that date and time in-hand. That's just like my client

1 received it. We knew to come back to court on the day and time  
2 that you wrote on the -- or Judge McKenna wrote on the specific  
3 order, and they received the exact same order. I'm not sure  
4 why they should be given the chance to challenge it when --

5 THE COURT: But, even with that, --

6 MS. MELCHER: -- [Crosstalk at 2:28:05 p.m.]

7 THE COURT: -- they can certainly -- any party can come  
8 back to court and ask for the Court to, you know, modify an  
9 order.

10 MS. MELCHER: Modify or vacate, sure, but the --

11 THE COURT: Right.

12 MS. MELCHER: -- the burden is different -- Well, just be  
13 my point. If they're talking about bringing police reports  
14 from the initial --

15 THE COURT: No, no. I was reading their -- They -- In  
16 their claim, they say there was fraud on the court. In order  
17 for the court to find such things, there has to be something.  
18 It just can't be someone saying there's fraud on the court.  
19 They mentioned false police reports. If that's the case, or --  
20 I mean, I'm just -- I think that --

21 MS. MELCHER: They would've had to have --

22 THE COURT: -- any court --

23 MS. MELCHER: -- been --

24 THE COURT: -- I think that any court, when someone is  
25 making -- either side is making an allegation or a statement,

1 that it should be backed up and supported. That's all I'm  
2 saying. I don't know if it can be or it can't be, but I'm  
3 saying that when I see that and I have two pro se defendants  
4 here, I -- I'm just going to say it openly that at a next  
5 hearing, I would expect both parties to bring in whatever they  
6 have to support their position.

7 MS. MELCHER: I understand.

8 THE COURT: And, I hear what you're saying about the  
9 burden, but I'm not even there yet.

10 MS. MELCHER: I just am concerned, because, having read  
11 their motion to vacate, it seems to be readdressing the issue  
12 that should've gone to appeal. And, that order that I referred  
13 to in the MacDonald vs. Caruso does talk about the fact that  
14 when you're at this motion to vacate, attacking the original  
15 order has no place in that, because the plaintiff had already  
16 proven the burden on several occasions, because the order was  
17 granted and then continued for a --

18 THE COURT: Mm-hmm.

19 MS. MELCHER: -- year. But, that was --

20 THE COURT: So, are you --

21 MS. MELCHER: -- that ship has --

22 THE COURT: -- are you claiming --

23 MS. MELCHER: -- sailed.

24 THE COURT: -- that they had -- You're claiming that they  
25 had notice?

1 MS. MELCHER: Oh, absolutely. They were handed notice.

2 But, it's written right on the order --

3 THE COURT: Mm-hmm.

4 MS. MELCHER: -- the date of the next hearing, the date  
5 and time.

6 THE COURT: Mm-hmm.

7 MS. MELCHER: And, that's what --

8 THE COURT: But, --

9 MS. MELCHER: -- [Crosstalk at 2:29:56 p.m.]

10 THE COURT: -- they also didn't live in the state,  
11 correct? They moved from Somerville to --

12 MS. MELCHER: I -- You know, --

13 THE COURT: -- to --

14 MS. MELCHER: -- they didn't --

15 THE COURT: -- I don't know, --

16 MS. MELCHER: -- notify me --

17 THE COURT: -- Las Vegas --

18 MS. MELCHER: -- of that.

19 THE COURT: -- or something?

20 MS. MELCHER: They -- You know, they -- for -- I believe  
21 that I learned that through my client, but I mean, I would say  
22 the onus is upon them as a defendant having been received an  
23 order that they have a follow-up hearing, and if they're going  
24 to move, they should let the court know what their new address  
25 is. But, --

1 THE COURT: Mm-hmm.

2 MS. MELCHER: -- that was not when they were -- they  
3 didn't move and then hear about the new hearing date. When  
4 they were standing --

5 MR. MOORE: We never heard.

6 MS. MELCHER: -- in court, they were given a piece of  
7 paper that had the hearing date and time.

8 THE COURT: Okay. All right.

9 Did you want to respond, because, I mean, I will say, I  
10 hear your argument; however, I did make -- My decision is to  
11 set this case down for a hearing based on everything I've read.

12 MR. MOORE: Our -- Our only response is -- is that we were  
13 not only unaware of the hearing, we were unaware of the ability  
14 to appeal. In fact, we were told by counsel that it's useless,  
15 because the decision had been reached before we ever got to the  
16 courtroom, and he suspected something fishy was at play that  
17 led to that decision --

18 THE COURT: Well, --

19 MR. MOORE: -- being made. But, you know, --

20 MS. BUTTON: Yeah. Aside from that, --

21 MR. MOORE: Yes.

22 MS. BUTTON: -- we respect your decision --

23 MR. MOORE: Yes.

24 MS. BUTTON: -- and would like the -- the opportunity, if  
25 you'll allow it.

1 MR. MOORE: Yes.

2 THE COURT: I think each --

3 MS. BUTTON: [Crosstalk at 2:31:18 p.m.]

4 THE COURT: -- I think all parties deserve a right to be  
5 heard. That's -- That would be my decision, and I hear both of  
6 you. I hear counsel for the plaintiff, and I hear the  
7 defendants' position, as well. And, with that, I would allow  
8 this to be heard at a future date that the parties have chose,  
9 which was eleven o'clock on March 27th. Okay?

10 MS. MELCHER: I am, --

11 MS. BUTTON: Thank you.

12 MS. MELCHER: -- just for the record, looking at Page 2,  
13 it does state right up there the date and the time of the  
14 hearing. So, when they got this, -- When they were served with  
15 that order, it says it right there, "Next hearing date 8/15/17,  
16 nine a.m." And, then, the next one, again, "Next hearing date  
17 8/14/18 --

18 THE COURT: Okay.

19 MS. MELCHER: -- at nine a.m."

20 THE COURT: Yes. But also, just -- And, I don't want to  
21 keep --

22 MS. MELCHER: No. I --

23 THE COURT: But, what I'm --

24 MS. MELCHER: -- get you.

25 THE COURT: -- saying is that any party at any time has

1 the right to come into court to ask the court -- We do it every  
2 day --

3 MS. MELCHER: To chal -- Sure.

4 THE COURT: -- to modify it, --

5 MS. MELCHER: Mm-hmm.

6 THE COURT: -- to change it, to sometimes change the time  
7 period, to change some of the -- you know, the paragraphs. The  
8 Court is open to hearing --

9 MS. MELCHER: I --

10 THE COURT: -- to hearing all sides and feels as though  
11 each side should have a fair opportunity to express their  
12 position, especial -- And, I don't mean especially with pro se  
13 defense, but these two people, are not represent -- not giving  
14 them any more weight and you any more weight because you  
15 represent your client, I am not.

16 MS. MELCHER: Mm-hmm.

17 THE COURT: I am doing my best to be fair and objective.

18 MS. MELCHER: Mm-hmm.

19 THE COURT: Okay? So, we'll see you on the 27th.

20 MS. MELCHER: Okay.

21 THE COURT: Thank you.

22 MS. BUTTON: Thank you, very --

23 MR. MOORE: Thank you.

24 MS. BUTTON: -- much, Your Honor.

25 THE COURT: Yep. So, right now, this is all in pla --

1 Just so you know, this restr -- this is still in place.

2 Nothing has changed. It's all in place. So, nothing has  
3 changed. It is still in effect.

4 Did you want to say something?

5 THE CLERK: And, just for my own edification, --

6 THE COURT: Yep.

7 THE CLERK: -- Judge, March 27 at eleven a.m.?

8 THE COURT: Yes.

9 THE CLERK: The -- I believe there -- I believe the  
10 defendant, Ms. Button, had filed a motion to vacate, but it --  
11 it seems to -- it possibly references both -- both cases.  
12 Okay. And, the defendants are permitted to be present via  
13 Zoom, is that correct?

14 THE COURT: Yes.

15 THE CLERK: Okay. Are the plaintiffs in person or the  
16 plaintiffs Zoom, what --

17 THE COURT: Whatever the plaintiffs would like.

18 And, you don't have to make up your mind right now. You  
19 can let the clerk know whatever's best for you.

20 MS. MELCHER: Thank you, Your Honor.

21 THE COURT: All right. We don't mind people in person, but  
22 if it's better for you and your calendar and your client, --

23 MS. MELCHER: Okay.

24 THE COURT: -- that's fine, too.

25 MS. MELCHER: Thank you, Your Honor. Appreciate that.

1      Thank you.

2                THE CLERK: Thank you. For the record, as to both  
3 matters, Docket No. 201701RO, Docket No. 182, as the plaintiff  
4 is Sage Humphries, the defendant is Mr. Moore. As to the other  
5 matter, -- Excuse me, that's 181. As to 1701RO, Docket 182,  
6 Ms. Humphries is the plaintiff, Ms. Button as the defendant.  
7 Over the Court's break, the Court did receive sworn  
8 declarations regarding the backup of the plaintiff's camera  
9 roll that is in file, and counsel, you seem to be included in  
10 that e-mail.

11              MS. MELCHER: I've --

12              THE CLERK: If you haven't, I'll give you a copy of it  
13 right now.

14              MS. MELCHER: I was copied but --

15              THE CLERK: Okay. The motion to -- Or, the hearing on  
16 contempt remains under advisement. The parties will be  
17 notified of the Court's decision via e-mail, if that's all  
18 right with your office, counsel.

19              MS. MELCHER: Certainly.

20              THE CLERK: And, as to the motion to vacate, this is as to  
21 both defendants on both matters, that matter has been set down  
22 for March 27th, 2023, at eleven o'clock in the morning. Both  
23 defendants are permitted to be present via Zoom. The Court has  
24 authorized plaintiff to appear via Zoom if plaintiff so  
25 chooses. Does that take care of everything?

1 THE COURT: Yes. Thank you.

2 THE CLERK: Okay.

3 MS. MELCHER: Thank you.

4 THE COURT: Thank you.

5 THE CLERK: Thank you, Your Honor.

6 MS. BUTTON: Thank you, Your Honor.

7 MR. MOORE: Thank you.

8 [End of Hearing at 2:35:13 p.m.]

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9     [By Ms. Mariella]            27

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1 [Case called at 11:21:47 a.m.]

2 MS. MARIELLA: If I may, Your Honor, I have a courtesy  
3 copy of our file and exhibits that's tabbed that might be a  
4 little bit easier to follow along with.

5 THE COURT: Before we do that, have you given copies to --

6 MS. MARIELLA: Yes, I gave them.

7 THE COURT: -- the defendants?

8 MS. MARIELLA: They're in Nevada, is my understanding. I  
9 sent them a electronic version of this binder.

10 THE COURT: Before we do that, I understand this is a  
11 permanent restraining order, is that correct?

12 MS. MARIELLA: Correct.

13 THE COURT: And, can you identify yourself for the record,  
14 please?

15 MS. MARIELLA: Correct. My name is Sabina Mariella for  
16 the plaintiff, Sage Humphries.

17 THE COURT: Mariella? Can you spell your last name?

18 MS. MARIELLA: M-A-R-I-E-L-L-A.

19 THE COURT: And, with you?

20 MS. MYERS: Emily Myers, attorney for plaintiff, Sage  
21 Humphries.

22 MS. MELCHER: And, Attorney Maura Melcher.

23 THE COURT: [Indiscernible at 11:23:27 a.m. - speaking  
24 away from microphone]?

25 MS. MARIELLA: No.

1 THE COURT: Or who's from -- Or you're from --

2 MS. MARIELLA: Well, I'm barred in New York, but we have  
3 ongoing litigation in Nevada, which may be why there's a  
4 notation about it.

5 THE COURT: All right. And, I -- on the Zoom, I have --  
6 Who do I have on the Zoom?

7 MS. BUTTON: I'm Dusty Button.

8 MR. MOORE: And, I would be Mitchell Moore.

9 THE COURT: So, you are acting pro se.

10 MR. MOORE: That's correct.

11 THE COURT: So, my understanding is this is a motion to  
12 vacate a permanent restraining order and I've got a ton of  
13 documents here that you submitted, that Ms. Button and Mr.  
14 Moore have submitted, and I also have a number of documents  
15 that have -- were received from the plaintiff. A lot of it  
16 seems to go back to the initial granting -- that relate to the  
17 initial granting of the restraining order, and a motion to  
18 vacate a permanent order, and I'm not litigating the issues  
19 that led to the granting of the order.

20 The issue for a motion to vacate is whether there's clear  
21 and convincing evidence that there is no need -- no further  
22 need for the order. So, I'm not going to get into -- We're  
23 having an evidentiary hearing. I'm not going to get into the  
24 merits of the underlying order. What I would be looking for is  
25 evidence relating to what has happened since the order was made

1 permanent; not what has been learned, but what has happened  
2 since the order has been made permanent, whether or not by  
3 clear -- there's clear and convincing evidence that there's no  
4 further need for the permanent order.

5 So, looking at a lot of the documents that were submitted,  
6 it looks as if it really is addressing the underlying order,  
7 which I'm not going to look at all of those documents for that  
8 purpose. But, I want to hear, for the purposes of this  
9 hearing, from Ms. Button and Mr. Moore is the evidence that  
10 they believe they have to suggest that the order is no longer a  
11 necessary under the circumstances since it was issued -- made  
12 permanent back in 2018. Do you understand that?

13 MS. MARIELLA: Yes, Your Honor.

14 MS. BUTTON: Yes.

15 MR. MOORE: Yes.

16 THE COURT: If we start getting into things that have --  
17 I'm not going to -- If it's testimony about what happened prior  
18 to 2018, I'm going to strike it. I'm not going to listen to  
19 it, okay?

20 MR. MOORE: Okay.

21 THE COURT: Okay. So, that said, and I'm not going to  
22 take any exhibits now. I'm not going to look at any exhibits  
23 now. I want to see what happens during this hearing and, if  
24 there are exhibits that were submitted that need to be  
25 referenced as to what happened after 2018, then you can direct

1 my attention to that, okay?

2 MR. MOORE: Okay.

3 THE COURT: Okay?

4 MS. BUTTON: Okay.

5 MS. MARIELLA: Yes, Your Honor.

6 THE COURT: All right. Great. Can we swear in the  
7 witnesses, please?

8 [PARTIES, Sworn.]

9 THE COURT: So, the burden is on Mr. Moore and Ms. Button.  
10 You can have a seat.

11 Can you see the screen from where you are?

12 MS. MARIELLA: Sort of in my peripheral vision, but I  
13 cannot see the Defendants directly. But, I think it's most  
14 important that you see them, so I'm okay with the way it's set  
15 up.

16 THE COURT: I want everybody to see everything, so that --  
17 that's all part of testimony.

18 Great. Now, you can see every -- All right.

19 So, what I'm going to do is, Ms. Button, your name is the  
20 name that shows up on the Zoom. I'm going to start with you.  
21 Tell me why you believe that there's evidence to suggest that  
22 this permanent restraining order should be vacated.

23 MS. BUTTON: The way to start this is pretty difficult  
24 because, as you said, you don't want to hear anything from 2017  
25 and 2018. Our argument isn't a typical restraining order

1 motion to vacate. Our argument is that there was fraud on the  
2 Court in 2017, which is why Judge Lyons, who heard us in  
3 February 22nd, gave us the opportunity to speak today because  
4 she saw our mentions of false police report and she saw  
5 mentions of other fraud on the Court that she said we should  
6 get our exhibits together and present to the Court and to the  
7 plaintiff because she did see that we weren't represented in  
8 2018. We had no knowledge of 2018 in the hearing. So, no one  
9 was there with a one-sided argument.

10 But, since 2018, if we are looking past that, as you asked  
11 for, Sage Humphries has used this restraining order that should  
12 have never been granted to begin with because there was no  
13 abuse, to file \$131 million dollar lawsuit against us in Nevada  
14 and that restraining order contradicts everything that they're  
15 stating in Nevada, which is why her counsel there, who  
16 submitted pro hac vice, was granted pro hac vice because she  
17 was in good standing, but the opposing argument is that, in  
18 Nevada, Sage is stating that she was forced and under duress  
19 and raped by us, which is entirely false. And, in Boston, as  
20 you can see any APO order, she did not check mark the box that  
21 she was forced under duress or in any way threatened to be in a  
22 relationship.

23 The basis of this restraining order is that she was in a  
24 relationship with us, consensually, albeit unconventional and  
25 it's never happened before and would never happen again, but it

1 was a loving relationship and the problem now is we've been  
2 presented in 2022 with false police reports and we verified  
3 those with law enforcement that could exceed beyond just this -  
4 - this hearing with criminal charges because these are false  
5 police reports that were reported that we can prove every  
6 single thing against her, that what she stated was a lie.  
7 Those police reports were withheld from the Court and she's  
8 withheld it today again. It's not in their exhibits, but we've  
9 provided it. We provided all five false police reports and I  
10 understand you don't want to hear from 2017 and 2018, but this  
11 evidence was presented to us in 2022.

12 And, we -- we have 5,000 pages of documents in 2017 to  
13 prove that we did not abuse this woman. But, four years later,  
14 she filed a lawsuit, based on this restraining order that was  
15 falsely granted, because she never presented any of these  
16 police reports that contradict what she said, and the law  
17 enforcement actually said that we did no wrong, and we have  
18 those exhibits in there. So, we could never have argued this  
19 in 2017 and 2018. We could only argue this now and which is  
20 why we filed the motion to vacate, based on fraud on the Court,  
21 and that's why Judge Lyons gave us this opportunity because she  
22 saw the mentions of that fraud on the Court.

23 THE COURT: So, you were represented by counsel in the  
24 past, though, right?

25 MS. BUTTON: Only in 2017.

1       THE COURT: Okay. And, you had the right to appeal that  
2 decision back in 2017?

3       MS. BUTTON: They were not -- I understand that that's  
4 typical, but we were not informed that we could appeal that and  
5 we were not notified of this hearing. We actually moved to Los  
6 Angeles prior to the hearing in 2017 and we received no  
7 notification and there -- They will argue, "Well, it was  
8 written on the report a -- a year prior," but we actually did  
9 not have that. We did not have that piece of paper. We were  
10 never served with any other piece of paper after that.

11      THE COURT: So, tell me, since 2018, what interaction, if  
12 any, have you had with Ms. Humphries?

13      MS. BUTTON: None, absolutely none. We could not be  
14 further from this woman [Issues with Zoom at 11:32:29 a.m.].

15      THE COURT: But, did you move to Nevada?

16      MS. BUTTON: I'm sorry. Say that one more time, please.

17      THE COURT: When did you move to Nevada?

18      MS. BUTTON: We moved -- Well, we moved to Nevada in 2020  
19 because of everything that was happening in California in  
20 regards to, you know, COVID and -- and all that stuff. So, we  
21 actually moved to Los Angeles in 2017 and we moved prior to the  
22 first hearing that happened in Boston. We lived in Los Angeles  
23 for nearly four years and, then, we moved to Las Vegas in 2020  
24 and we've been there since.

25      THE COURT: Okay. And, have your paths -- Other than

1 issues relating to this restraining order, have your paths  
2 crossed with Ms. Humphries since the restraining --

3 MS. BUTTON: No, not at all. And, -- And, actually, in  
4 their opposition, they state that it's possible that I would be  
5 in her same industry. It -- It -- No one could pay me enough  
6 money to be a part of the dance industry ever again. I was  
7 actually fired from Boston Ballet as their principal dancer  
8 because of Sage's parents.

9 So, I lost everything in regards to that dance industry,  
10 but I'm so disgusted by the industry that no one can pay me any  
11 amount of money to ever work in that industry ever again. I  
12 despise it. I despise anything to do with that industry and I  
13 will never, ever, ever work for that industry. I've lost jobs  
14 because of this restraining order because of background checks.  
15 Obviously, you're put in the domestic violence national  
16 database, which we've never abused anyone. We did have an  
17 unconventional relationship with her, but there was no abuse  
18 involved, and it's cost us everything. We're pro se here.  
19 We're pro se in Nevada.

20 And, at this point, I would never want or desire to be in  
21 that industry and that's their argument, that we would cross  
22 paths, but we absolutely would not. And, in the case that I  
23 did, I couldn't stomach being around that woman because of what  
24 she's done to us. So, I would never want to be in any  
25 proximity of her whatsoever.

1       THE COURT: So, you're not involved in any industry  
2 similar to what Ms. Humphries is involved in?

3       MS. BUTTON: No, and I never will be, ever.

4       THE COURT: So, the -- no reason for you to have any  
5 contact with Ms. Humphries?

6       MS. BUTTON: Absolutely not. I would actually like a no-  
7 contact order on our behalf if this were to be vacated.

8       THE COURT: And, what about social media presence? Has  
9 there been any social media --

10      MS. BUTTON: No.

11      THE COURT: -- discussed about this matter?

12      MS. BUTTON: No. We had -- We don't have social media.  
13 In fact, in May -- On May 13th of 2020, there's a post from one  
14 of Sage's friends that Sage influenced, stating that I was a  
15 predator and raped little kids, which has never happened and  
16 that absolutely destroyed my life. It was disgusting, and I --  
17 Sorry. And, yes, I would never be a part of the industry,  
18 never be on social media. I despise everyone in that industry  
19 and, unfortunately, have had to live with this for five years,  
20 getting death threats from people on social media because of  
21 what they posted in New York Times, in Las Vegas, and I know  
22 that that doesn't have anything to do with Boston.

23      But, like I said, unconventional relationship. Truly  
24 cared about this woman, and she's -- ending up doing this to us  
25 and I understand the case is, like, very unusual, which is why

1 I don't think any case law could really reference what we've  
2 been through. I don't think Boston will ever see a case like  
3 this, but we've lost everything. We're pro se here. We're pro  
4 se in Nevada. Lost the thing that I was best at, at Boston  
5 Ballet, and I'm -- I'm never going to have a job in that  
6 industry and I don't want one. I think the people are  
7 disgusting. I think that the way they turned their back on me  
8 because of word of mouth. She hasn't proven anything. This  
9 woman is entirely uncredible. We did love her.

10 But, I have produced and he has produced so much evidence  
11 in this case and no one has taken the time to look at it until  
12 Judge Lyons. She was the first person, after five years, to  
13 actually look at it and say I -- you deserve to be heard. And,  
14 I apologize for being emotional because emotions don't involve  
15 the Court, so I apologize.

16 But, it's -- it -- we have called every law enforcement  
17 agency as a party that the defendant to understand why these  
18 police reports are being filed. They were all filed falsely  
19 and, even though they were filed falsely, two of them are filed  
20 the night before her restraining order hearings, only to have  
21 it put on record. She didn't even have any proof. And, then,  
22 after she filed it, she didn't even bring that report to the  
23 court. She just simply told them that we were stalking her,  
24 which we have now a recording with the woman that doesn't even  
25 understand why she was brought into it. Sage brought in a

1 third party to say that we were stalking her. That third party  
2 had no idea of this report until we informed her a week ago,  
3 which is the recording in one of the exhibits, which I know  
4 that you don't have time to look at, but we've literally gone  
5 through all the necessary measures to prove that we have never  
6 abused this woman.

7 THE COURT: Tell me, --

8 MS. BUTTON: Never.

9 THE COURT: -- you say you're not going back into that  
10 industry and I would assume that's the dance industry. What  
11 kind of work are you doing now?

12 MS. BUTTON: I have never worked. We've actually been  
13 kicked out of restaurants because of the New York Times and the  
14 Cosmopolitan's articles that they've played in the media. So,  
15 I can't even pay with my own debit card if I had money because  
16 people look at my debit card and see Dusty Button and think,  
17 "Oh, that's the woman that I saw in the New York Times, that  
18 this woman has claimed has done all this stuff to us."

19 THE COURT: So, you're --

20 MS. BUTTON: I can't -- I'll never work in this industry.  
21 I'm sorry, say again?

22 THE COURT: I'm asking -- I asked what type of work are  
23 you doing now?

24 MS. BUTTON: None. I can't work. We're on food stamps.  
25 I can't get a job because of my name.

1 MR. MOORE: They'll run a background check and they see  
2 this order.

3 MS. BUTTON: They run a background check and they see this  
4 order as well.

5 THE COURT: And, so, since 2018, you're saying you had no  
6 interaction with Ms. Humphries?

7 MS. BUTTON: That's correct.

8 THE COURT: And, you've not posted anything on social  
9 media regarding Ms. Humphries ever since then?

10 MS. BUTTON: No.

11 MR. MOORE: Never.

12 MS. BUTTON: Not one time, which is also why, in the  
13 hearing with Judge Lyons, they actually tried to file contempt  
14 against us, saying we violated the order again and this is the  
15 sixth time they've tried to file something against us. Judge  
16 Lyons ruled in our favor. After research, after two weeks,  
17 almost, of research, and sent us an e-mail and said there was  
18 no contempt, that the plaintiff did not present the burden that  
19 she was supposed to present.

20 MR. MOORE: She can't.

21 MS. BUTTON: Because she can't.

22 THE COURT: Is there anything more that you want to tell  
23 me about this restraining order and the issues relating to it  
24 after 2018?

25 MS. BUTTON: Sorry. In regards to, like, how it's been

1 affect -- affecting our life or in regards to how --

2 THE COURT: No. Just how --

3 MS. BUTTON: -- what we've presented?

4 THE COURT: -- Is there a need -- Whether there's a need  
5 for the order to remain permanent.

6 MS. BUTTON: There's no -- There's no need for the order.

7 There was never a need for the order to begin with and I'm sure  
8 you hear this all the time. But, the reason that there was no  
9 need for the order to begin with is because there are multiple  
10 police reports that were never presented to the Court, and she  
11 still hasn't presented it today.

12 MR. MOORE: She was forced to sign it.

13 MS. BUTTON: And, she was -- She was forced to sign the  
14 restraining order. She warned us that she was being forced to  
15 sign the restraining order. We have those text messages. We  
16 have the text messages, saying that she's going to leave us  
17 fake voicemails to appease her parents to break up with us  
18 because her parents wouldn't let her go back to Boston. Her  
19 parents kidnapped her from Boston, as a grown adult. She was  
20 almost 20 years old, took her back to California, took away her  
21 phone, her driver's license, her money. We have texts saying  
22 her Dad is f'ing up her money and that he won't let her go back  
23 to Boston.

24 Any Orange County police report that they filed, which I  
25 actually called the woman, who went -- who was dispatched to

1 their house, said there were numerous calls that were all  
2 unfounded. That's also an exhibit, Exhibit C of our motion to  
3 vacate, says that she -- it was consensual. She has  
4 opportunity to leave at any time. In her text messages he  
5 reviewed, said it was of a sexual nature, but had no imminent  
6 threat. When she came back to the Court, and in her  
7 transcript, she was -- where also another exhibit list -- says  
8 blatantly that she did not know how to handle people  
9 disapproving of the relationship. And, our attorney said,  
10 "Then what happened?" And, she said, "I had to make a  
11 decision." And, he said, "A decision to do what, Ms.  
12 Humphries?" And, she said, to either break up with us or to  
13 leave everything she ever knew, her family, friends and career  
14 because her parents would not let her go back to Boston because  
15 they didn't approve of her relationship.

16 So, this entire restraining order is not only involving  
17 evidence that they want to suppress, that her mother subjected  
18 her to a man that was 63 years old, one of the wealthiest men  
19 in Cal -- in -- in the United States and for \$75,000 --

20 MS. MARIELLA: Your Honor, I just object to all of this  
21 for the record as not relevant and move to strike it. It's all  
22 --

23 MS. BUTTON: It's --

24 MS. MARIELLA: -- rehashing things she was cross examined  
25 about --

1 MS. BUTTON: -- That's --

2 MS. MARIELLA: -- and litigated extensively.

3 THE COURT: Overruled. Go ahead.

4 So, actually, I want --

5 MS. BUTTON: And, it --

6 THE COURT: -- to stop you there, 'cause my quest -- I  
7 just wanted to -- I really want to focus on what happened after  
8 2018 and I think you're going back into litigating the --

9 MR. MOORE: Nothing.

10 MS. BUTTON: Nothing.

11 THE COURT: -- explain to --

12 MS. BUTTON: Nothing past the --

13 THE COURT: So, you mentioned something about Orange  
14 County and that's where Los Angeles is, is that right, Orange  
15 County?

16 MS. BUTTON: Correct.

17 THE COURT: You had moved --

18 MS. BUTTON: Well, Orange County is an hour-and-a-half  
19 away from Los Angeles. However, we were not in Los Angeles  
20 when Sage reported this police report. Her mother made the  
21 call. We were still living in Boston. So, as soon as we were  
22 warned that her -- her father, who's a lawyer, by the way, was  
23 filing a restraining order and was going to make her sign it,  
24 which we have text messages in the top two exhibits --

25 THE COURT: Well, hold on.

1 MS. BUTTON: -- saying that they --

2 THE COURT: Let me ask my question -- Let me get to my  
3 point. All right. So --

4 MS. BUTTON: Okay.

5 THE COURT: But, you had moved to Los Angeles in 2017?

6 MS. BUTTON: That's correct.

7 MR. MOORE: That's correct.

8 THE COURT: So, you were in the area of Orange County,  
9 California, right?

10 MS. BUTTON: No.

11 MR. MOORE: No. We were an hour-and-a-half from Orange  
12 County.

13 THE COURT: An hour-and-a-half away, okay. All right.  
14 But, that's where Ms. Humphries was from?

15 MR. MOORE: No. She's from Long Beach.

16 MS. BUTTON: No. She lived in Boston and --

17 MR. MOORE: She's -- yes.

18 MS. BUTTON: -- she's from Long Beach.

19 MR. MOORE: She's from Long Beach, but she was living in  
20 Boston for years before --

21 THE COURT: Well, how far is Long Beach --

22 MR. MOORE: -- all of this was pending.

23 THE COURT: -- from Orange County -- from L.A.?

24 MR. MOORE: About two hours, depending on traffic. I  
25 mean, L.A. traffic is terrible, but it's nowhere near L.A.

1       THE COURT: Okay. But, there was -- But, the time when  
2 you moved to Los Angeles, you didn't have any interaction with  
3 her or her family in the California area?

4       MR. MOORE: Never.

5       MS. BUTTON: No, we did not, no.

6       MR. MOORE: She's in Boston. No, we would -- we never had  
7 --

8       THE COURT: [Crosstalk at 11:43:45 a.m.] --

9       MR. MOORE: -- We never even thought --

10      THE COURT: I'm talking to Ms. Button, so she should be  
11 the one answering my questions.

12      MS. BUTTON: Oh, sorry.

13      THE COURT: All right. So, actually, now, Mr. Moore, I'll  
14 go to you.

15      MR. MOORE: Okay.

16      THE COURT: You're also -- Were you and Button -- Are you  
17 -- The two of you have been moving together from Boston to L.A.  
18 to what -- Nevada and Las Vegas?

19      MR. MOORE: Yes, we never separate.

20      THE COURT: Okay. And, since 2018, have you had any  
21 interaction with Ms. Humphries?

22      MR. MOORE: No, absolutely not.

23      THE COURT: All right. And, have you posted anything on  
24 social media related to Ms. Humphries or the situation  
25 involving you and Ms. Humphries?

1 MR. MOORE: Not in any way, shape or form, no.

2 THE COURT: And, he's -- you're involved in the same  
3 lawsuit?

4 MR. MOORE: Yes, sir, I am, but I wasn't involved in the  
5 same industry.

6 THE COURT: Okay. You are not in the dancing industry at  
7 all?

8 MR. MOORE: No. I was actually -- As she put in her  
9 restraining order in 2017, I was a watchmaker when I met Sage  
10 and, until I also lost all of my work and -- and currently  
11 unemployed, I dealt exotic cars and military vehicles, for car  
12 events and -- on the West Coast.

13 THE COURT: Okay. And, you're still engaged in that  
14 business now?

15 MR. MOORE: No. Actually, I was canceled as well, at the  
16 same time as Dusty, and we were both fired from every job and  
17 every sponsor that we had.

18 THE COURT: Okay. And, you -- So, other than the lawsuit  
19 -- You're represented pro se in the lawsuit in Neva -- up there  
20 in Nevada?

21 MS. BUTTON: We weren't -- We weren't pro se to begin  
22 with, but the bills started adding up to over \$400,000. So, we  
23 couldn't afford anymore. So, we did have the option to file  
24 bankruptcy, but, again, we have proof that we've never done  
25 anything wrong. So, we continued pro se and we will be

1 continuing pro se.

2 THE COURT: Okay. So, while you're -- while this case is  
3 being litigated, that will be mean that, at some point, you'd  
4 have to have some interaction with Ms. Humphries?

5 MS. BUTTON: The only interaction that would take place  
6 would be a deposition, in which we have already spoken to other  
7 counsel about having a third party in there and guest that the  
8 magistrate would choose. But, again, there's no possibility on  
9 our end. There's no -- There's no reason for this abuse  
10 prevention order to be there because we didn't abuse her and I  
11 understand that's going back. But, taking -- moving forward,  
12 all we want out there is the truth, whether that -- in this  
13 case or in Nevada and we will make sure that that happens.  
14 However anything goes. But, yes, the only thing that we would  
15 -- that we would have that would reference us being around her  
16 would be deposition --

17 MR. MOORE: Court.

18 MS. BUTTON: -- and, then, the court -- if it makes it to  
19 trial, which it might not, that would be the only other  
20 instance. But, we wouldn't have any interaction with her,  
21 aside from that. Everything goes through her counsel. So,  
22 there's no -- there's no communication with her.

23 MR. MOORE: And, there's been absolutely no contact since  
24 May of 2017, except for the contact in April or May -- I'm  
25 sorry --

1 MS. BUTTON: In July.

2 MR. MOORE: -- July and August that Sage initiated to us.

3 But, since August, maybe 5th or 4th or something, from 2017, we  
4 have never had any type of contact with her, or spoken of her  
5 or about her.

6 MS. BUTTON: Or her friends of her or anything that --

7 MR. MOORE: And, anybody relative [Crosstalk at 11:47:38  
8 a.m.] --

9 THE COURT: What contact are you talking about in July and  
10 August?

11 MS. BUTTON: Yes.

12 THE COURT: July and August --

13 MR. MOORE: Yes.

14 THE COURT: -- of what year?

15 MS. BUTTON: 2017, before this -- before the temporary  
16 order was granted.

17 MR. MOORE: Yeah.

18 THE COURT: Okay.

19 MS. BUTTON: And, what -- And, just to reference that  
20 shortly, it was because, in May is when her parents took her  
21 from Boston to California and, then, in June, she started using  
22 her younger brother's phone to send us Snapchat -- which we  
23 never asked her to do -- started sending us Snapchats and,  
24 basically, she was playing both sides. She was still being in  
25 a relationship with us and, on the other end, she was being

1 brainwashed by her parents to think that we were terrible  
2 people. And, we have proof of this. This isn't hearsay. I  
3 know you said you don't have time to look at all the exhibits,  
4 but they are there in order, chronological order, to show  
5 exactly what happened.

6 THE COURT: Mm-hmm.

7 MS. BUTTON: And, since then, there's been no contact  
8 whatsoever, not even in the same state, ever.

9 MR. MOORE: Not even a mention.

10 MS. BUTTON: Not in mention, not talking to anybody that  
11 knows her. We've stayed as far away from her as humanly  
12 possible.

13 THE COURT: So, then, there are two possible opportunities  
14 to have some type of contact with Humphries, is at a deposition  
15 and trial.

16 MS. BUTTON: That's correct. Opposing counsel, Sabina,  
17 who's there, has filed so that we actually cannot depose her in  
18 person. She's filed that we have to get depositions in  
19 writing. And, I know this is an entirely relevant in Boston,  
20 but based on their misconduct in Nevada, we actually don't  
21 trust that they would write those themselves, considering her  
22 affidavit in 2018 isn't even signed, and her affidavit in 2017  
23 is not witnessed. And, she told us it was forced and that she  
24 was under duress, and they wouldn't let her go back to Boston.  
25 So, that actually is not signed by a witness. It's only signed

1 by Sage, and we can only attest to the fact that she told us  
2 she was forced to sign it. So, we don't trust that those  
3 written depositions would take place --

4 THE COURT: Is that an order --

5 MS. BUTTON: -- properly, which is --

6 THE COURT: Was that an order of the Court, that it be  
7 done that way?

8 MS. BUTTON: Sorry. Which way?

9 THE COURT: The --

10 MR. MOORE: The writing.

11 THE COURT: -- The deposition by writing, was that an  
12 order of the court?

13 MS. BUTTON: That's what Sabina and Mariella have sought -  
14 - Well, her firm. I can't say just her, but that's what their  
15 firm is objecting to because we -- we filed so many depositions  
16 that we wanted so many depositions because we have a lot of  
17 people to depose, and --

18 THE COURT: So, it -- So, --

19 MS. BUTTON: -- there's only two of us.

20 THE COURT: -- So, has the court made an order as to how  
21 Ms. Humphries deposition is to be taken?

22 MS. BUTTON: No. It's on -- April 5th is our hearing for  
23 that, because we objected to it.

24 THE COURT: Okay. All right. I'm going to hear from Ms.  
25 Humphries side now. Okay?

1 MS. BUTTON: Okay. Thank you.

2 THE COURT: Thank you.

3 MS. MARIELLA Thank you, Your Honor. Would you like to  
4 hear from Ms. Humphries first or would you like me to --

5 THE COURT: Sure. You --

6 MS. MARIELLA -- make some legal argument.

7 THE COURT: -- That'll be fine. So, what I'm going to do,  
8 then, is she can take the witness stand here. And, let's turn  
9 the camera so that the defendants can see her on the stand.

10 [Pause]

11 MS. BUTTON: She's lying right now. Like, literally right  
12 now, and I have the paperwork to prove it. We did not object  
13 or violate anything --

14 MR. MOORE: Violate any [Crosstalk at 11:51:12 a.m.] --

15 MS. BUTTON: -- in Nevada.

16 MR. MOORE: Judge Lyons already ruled --

17 MS. BUTTON: So she's about to testify --

18 MR. MOORE: Yeah.

19 MS. BUTTON: -- to something that's a lie again.

20 THE COURT: Nobody said anything yet. Hold on. Relax.

21 Nobody's testified, nobody said anything. She's just getting  
22 on the stand right now.

23 MS. MARIELLA She's previously --

24 MR. MOORE: Sorry. We overheard the [Issues with Zoom at  
25 11:51:27 a.m.] --

1 MS. BUTTON: We overheard the conversation, that's why we  
2 said that. I apologize.

3 THE COURT: All right. You may have a seat.

4 You may pose some questions.

5 MS. MARIELLA Thank you, Your Honor.

6 **DIRECT EXAMINATION OF WITNESS, SAGE HUMPHRIES**

7 BY: MS. MARIELLA

8 Q Ms. Humphries, how old are you today?

9 A I'm 25 years old.

10 Q Where do you currently live?

11 A I currently live in the south end of Boston.

12 Q And, what do you do for a living?

13 A I'm a professional ballet dancer.

14 Q Where did you meet the defendants?

15 A At Boston Ballet when I was a member of the [Indiscernible  
16 at 11:51:47 a.m. - speaking away from microphone] and she was a  
17 principal dancer.

18 Q Okay. Do you know where the defendants currently live?

19 A They currently live in Nevada.

20 Q And, do you intend to live in Boston forever?

21 A I do not see myself living in Boston for the rest of my  
22 life. I would love to -- to go to the West Coast when I start  
23 a family. I want to be closer to my parents and I do not  
24 intend live there forever.

25 Q Where do your parents live?

1 A My parents in Seal Beach, California, which is not an hour  
2 and a half drive. It's about 45 minutes without traffic, but.

3 Q When you say 45 minutes without traffic, do you mean from  
4 Los Angeles?

5 A I mean from Los Angeles.

6 Q Okay. Is California close to Nevada?

7 A It is, yes.

8 Q Do you know how many times the defendants have moved since  
9 you've known them?

10 A Since I've known them, they lived in Boston, California,  
11 and Nevada. But prior to me knowing them, they moved around a  
12 lot. They lived in Europe for the time -- for a period of  
13 time. They lived in different places. They spent time in  
14 Asia. They -- They moved around a lot.

15 Q Back in 2017 or 2018, did they ever express that they  
16 might move to Texas?

17 A They did.

18 Q At any point, did they live in Australia?

19 A They --

20 THE COURT: Let's talk about what happens -- been going on  
21 since 2018.

22 MS. MARIELLA: Okay.

23 THE COURT: Okay?

24 MS. MARIELLA: Yes, Your Honor.

25 BY: MS. MARIELLA

1 Q Sage, since you've received your permanent abuse  
2 prevention orders in 2018, have you learned anything about the  
3 defendants that makes you continue to fear them?

4 A Yes, I have.

5 Q What have you learned?

6 A Since the initial restraining order hearings, I have come  
7 to learn that they have used minors, that they did not stop  
8 with me. That there were two other girls --

9 MR. MOORE: Your Honor, --

10 MS. BUTTON: Objection.

11 MR. MOORE: -- may we object to this?

12 MS. BUTTON: Objection.

13 MR. MOORE: There is --

14 THE COURT: Counsel, [Crosstalk at 11:54:05 a.m.] of this?  
15 What's the foundation of that she's learned this? How --  
16 Where's this coming from?

17 MS. MARIELLA: May I inquire about --

18 MR. MOORE: [Crosstalk at 11:54:10 a.m.] evidence --

19 MS. MARIELLA: -- the foundation?

20 THE COURT: Yeah. Let's get a foundation for that.

21 MS. MARIELLA: Okay.

22 BY: MS. MARIELLA

23 Q How did you learn about the allegations against the  
24 defendants that they have harmed others?

25 MR. MOORE: May we object to this?

1 MS. BUTTON: Objection. That's irrelevant.

2 MR. MOORE: It's irrelevant.

3 MS. BUTTON: Irrelevant.

4 THE COURT: Go ahead. Answer the question.

5 MR. MOORE: It's hearsay.

6 BY: MS. MARIELLA

7 A The -- The -- The reason that I filed the lawsuit in

8 Nevada --

9 THE COURT: Not the reason. The question is how did you

10 find out about the alleged abuse to other minors?

11 THE WITNESS: Through meeting them, Your Honor.

12 THE COURT: Meeting the minor?

13 THE WITNESS: I -- I met Gina, who started the lawsuit

14 with me in the summer of 2020, who my brother's best friend,

15 who is a dancer, and she wasn't a minor when I met her. She

16 was my age. But, she recounted that when she was 14, she was

17 molested by Taylor at a Ali Studio in Florida, and that there

18 were five other girls --

19 MS. BUTTON: Objection.

20 THE WITNESS: -- who were also underage and molested.

21 MS. BUTTON: That's irrelevant.

22 THE COURT: [Crosstalk at 11:55:18 a.m.] --

23 MS. BUTTON: And, we have --

24 THE COURT: -- they were minors at the time?

25 THE WITNESS: They were all minors.

1       THE COURT: And, have they had any interaction with the  
2 defendants since 2018?

3       THE WITNESS: Taylor moved to be with Dusty. I don't know  
4 the exact age of -- of -- of him, but I know that all of the  
5 girls at that dance studio were --

6       MR. MOORE: [Crosstalk at 11:55:36 a.m.] --

7       THE WITNESS: -- minors who he molested. He would have  
8 sleepovers or movie nights with them, similar to what he did  
9 with me. And, the stories and the patters were so similar.  
10 And, when I talked to this girl Gina, it was like learning that  
11 it -- I was just another piece in their pattern and when he met  
12 Dusty, they started doing it together. He started abusing  
13 girls himself, and then started abusing them with her.

14      MS. BUTTON: Objection.

15      THE COURT: These are statements from other --

16      MS. BUTTON: There's no -- There's --

17      THE COURT: -- girls that have told you, right?

18      THE WITNESS: There are in the lawsuit, there are six of  
19 us. And, I've had more encounters with other dancers who  
20 aren't a part of this lawsuit because they live in fear of  
21 these two people because they are vindictive. And, they --

22      THE COURT: So, --

23      THE WITNESS: -- are very violent and very scary, and I  
24 live in fear of them, constantly.

25      THE COURT: All right. You may pose some more questions.

1 BY: MS. MARIELLA

2 Q Have the defendants done anything in the Nevada litigation  
3 to make you fear them?

4 A Every step of this process in the Nevada litigation feels  
5 like I'm reopening the abuse. Last week they sent 280  
6 questions for admissions. And, many of the questions were very  
7 graphic and it feels like I'm reliving the abuse that I  
8 suffered. Not to mention the fact that they attack my parents  
9 constantly and try to say outlandish claims that my parents  
10 forced me to get this restraining order, which I wrote the  
11 affidavit myself. There are so many things that happened one  
12 after another over the course of me starting this lawsuit that  
13 make me realize why many girls do not stand up for themselves  
14 and talk about abuse because I'm being constantly victim blamed  
15 and harassed by them. Not to mention, and I know that this is  
16 not proven, but they have -- you asked them about social media.

17 THE COURT: Pose a question.

18 BY: MS. MARIELLA

19 Q Have the defendants filed a -- any counterclaims against  
20 you in Nevada?

21 A Yes. They --

22 Q What are those counterclaims?

23 A They filed a claim for defamation against me. They filed  
24 a counterclaim against my parents, three third-party lawsuits  
25 against people from my past.

1 Q And, those people from your past that they attempted to  
2 sue in Nevada included former partners, right?

3 A An ex-boyfriend, a guy who I knew for a few months in New  
4 York, and the billionaire that they speak of who I had business  
5 dealings with at one point in my life.

6 Q Did the defendants call you a prostitute in their filing  
7 in Nevada?

8 A They did call me a prostitute, and my mom a pimp.

9 Q Did they call your mother a sex trafficker in that filing?

10 A Yes, they did.

11 Q Did they call you sexually promiscuous in that filing?

12 A Yes, they did.

13 Q Did they attach text messages between you and other third  
14 parties to that filing on a public docket?

15 A --

16 Q Have the defendants -- Sorry. Go ahead and give a --  
17 Sorry.

18 A Keep going.

19 Q Okay. Since 2018, have the defendants give any me --  
20 given any media interviews about you?

21 A Yes. To the Daily Mail.

22 MS. MARIELLA: Your Honor, I submitted the Daily Mail  
23 article as Exhibit L. Do you want a copy of that now, or do  
24 you have that with you?

25 THE COURT: Have you seen the article from the Daily Mail?

1 MR. MOORE: Yes, Your Honor.

2 MS. BUTTON: Yes, Your Honor, we have.

3 MS. MARIELLA: May I approach the witness with a copy,  
4 too?

5 THE COURT: Sure. The article is 47 pages long?

6 MS. MARIELLA: There's a lot of photos, Your Honor.

7 And, just for the benefit of the defendants, this is Tab L  
8 in the electronic binder that I sent you.

9 BY: MS. MARIELLA

10 Q Sage, do you recognize this article?

11 A I do.

12 Q Is that the Daily Mail article that you referenced?

13 A Yes.

14 Q In that article, did the defendants call you Ballerinas  
15 Amber Heard?

16 A Yes, they did.

17 MR. MOORE: [Issues with Zoom at 12:00:47 p.m.] record.

18 MS. MARIELLA: I'd offer Exhibit L into evidence at this  
19 time.

20 THE COURT: Hold on. So, 47 pages, has pictures, and  
21 screenshots of text messages. This is all part of the article?  
22 As well as a page of a lawsuit?

23 MS. MARIELLA: Correct, Your Honor. I'll represent that I  
24 PDF'd that from the Daily Mail's website. And, Ms. Humphries  
25 should be intimately familiar with it if you have questions

1 about its authenticity.

2 THE COURT: Is that your understanding about what the  
3 Daily Mail article was?

4 MR. MOORE: Is what -- I'm -- I apologize. What -- Is  
5 what our understanding?

6 THE COURT: These text messages, screenshots, copies of  
7 the filings, in the litiga --

8 MR. MOORE: Yes, the same evidence that we presented to  
9 the court today.

10 THE COURT: Okay. All right. This will be Exhibit 1.  
11 And, this -- What's the date of this?

12 THE WITNESS: This was September 7th.

13 **[Daily Mail Article/Documents Marked as Exhibit No. 1]**

14 BY: MS. MARIELLA

15 Q Could you read the year, Ms. Humphries?

16 A 2022.

17 Q Okay. Does the Daily Mail --

18 THE COURT: [Crosstalk at 12:02:05 p.m.] --

19 MS. MARIELLA: Excuse me.

20 THE COURT: Exhibit 1.

21 MS. MARIELLA: Thank you, Your Honor.

22 BY: MS. MARIELLA

23 Q Does the Daily Mail article include images of text  
24 messages between you and the defendants?

25 A Yes.

1 Q Does it include photos of you and the defendants?

2 A Yes.

3 Q Does it include images of text messages between you and  
4 other people?

5 A Yes.

6 Q Have the defendants ever violated the abuse prevention  
7 orders entered in this case since 2018?

8 A It is my belief that they have, yes.

9 MS. BUTTON: So, we --

10 THE COURT: Go ahead. Ask --

11 MS. MARIELLA: Thank you.

12 THE COURT: I understand what -- the -- you're -- you've  
13 made a legal conclusion as to whether or not they violated it.  
14 Talk about what you claim the violation was.

15 MS. MARIELLA: Of course.

16 BY: MS. MARIELLA

17 Q Ms. Humphries, in addition to ordering the defendants to  
18 stay away from you, what else did the abuse prevention orders  
19 require them to do?

20 A I was concerned at the time the abuse prevention orders  
21 were being written that they had electronically stored  
22 information of mine, including the not limited to text  
23 messages, photos, e-mails, access to contacts of mine. I could  
24 not know --

25 THE COURT: So, what did the order tell you to do? What

1 was -- What did the order prevent them from doing?

2 THE WITNESS: It prevented them from publishing,  
3 distributing, keeping in any capacity, they were supposed to  
4 surrender --

5 MS. BUTTON: That's not true.

6 THE WITNESS: -- it to the authority.

7 MR. MOORE: We object.

8 MS. BUTTON: Objection.

9 MR. MOORE: It did not -- It did not say we do not keep a  
10 copy. It said no publishing. Not -- It did not say --

11 MS. BUTTON: [Crosstalk at 12:03:42 p.m.] same period --

12 MR. MOORE: -- do not keep a copy.

13 THE WITNESS: I believe the word was surrender --

14 THE COURT: The order will speak for itself. I'll take a  
15 look. Can you direct me to where, in the order, you're  
16 referring to the other conditions, please?

17 THE WITNESS: Section 14.

18 MS. MARIELLA: Yes, Your Honor. So, it's the permanent  
19 order. And, it's in Box 14. Do you have a -- Would you like a  
20 copy or?

21 THE COURT: I'm at the order.

22 MS. MARIELLA: It's in Box 14 that says -- It's that  
23 additional information at the bottom. I'm happy to read it  
24 into the record, if you'd like me to.

25 THE COURT: I see in the order, Box 14. It says that,

1 looking at order 1701RO182, defendant is to surrender any and  
2 all personal information to the Boston Police Department,  
3 meaning to plaintiff, using electronically stored information,  
4 -- He is not to publish any such info. It looks like personal  
5 information.

6       Okay. I see that in Box 14 the defendants were ordered to  
7 not publish any personal -- personally stored information.

8 BY: MS. MARIELLA

9 Q     Ms. Humphries, did the defendants publish your personally  
10 stored information since 2018?

11 A     Yes. They did.

12 Q     How did they do that?

13 A     They published it in the Daily Mail article. And, they  
14 also --

15 MR. MOORE: [Issues with Zoom at 12:05:59 p.m.].

16 BY: MS. MARIELLA

17 Q     Prior to the Daily Mail article, did they publish --

18 A     They published --

19 Q     -- your personal information?

20 A     -- in the Boston Magazine.

21 Q     And, did they publish it on the docket in the federal case  
22 in Nevada?

23 A     They did publish in the docket in the federal case in  
24 Nevada.

25 Q     What did they publish in the federal case in Nevada?

1 A Through the third party claims, they included personal  
2 text messages between me and the people that I mentioned from  
3 my past. They also have photos that could only have been  
4 retrieved from my cellular device at that time.

5 MS. BUTTON: [Issues with Zoom at 12:06:42 p.m.]

6 BY: MS. MARIELLA

7 Q And, Ms. Humphries, did the Nevada court find that that  
8 was a violation of the abuse prevention orders in this case?

9 A Yes. The Nevada court issued sanctions against that  
10 information in light of my restraining order and Section 14.

11 Q Okay. And, are you familiar with that order?

12 A I am.

13 MS. MARIELLA: May I approach with the order, Your Honor,  
14 to have her authenticate it?

15 THE COURT: Is that part of the exhibits you provided to  
16 the defendants?

17 MS. MARIELLA: Yes. It's Exhibit I.

18 THE COURT: Sure.

19 BY: MS. MARIELLA

20 Q Ms. Humphries, is that a copy of the Nevada Court's  
21 sanction order?

22 A Yes.

23 THE COURT: Have you seen the sanction order, Ms. Button  
24 and Mr. Moore?

25 MS. BUTTON: Yes, Your Honor. But what they're not --

1 They're failing to mention that we attached in our -- our  
2 exhibits is our objection to those sanctions because Nevada  
3 ruled on a Bachman order because her firm specifically  
4 manipulated them to think that we were supposed to destroy any  
5 and all information, which is untrue. We also attached that  
6 exhibit. And, the sanctions are objected to, which is to be  
7 heard on April 5th, because the judge saw that that is untrue.  
8 She willingly uploaded information onto our hard drive when she  
9 was dating us. Everyone forgot that that was there.

10 And, in the order at the end of the 2017 hearing, Maura  
11 Melcher, who's sitting there, her attorney, previous attorney,  
12 mentioned that she was satisfied with what was given to her,  
13 which at the time we thought all the information they wanted  
14 was the fact that she didn't want people to know that she was  
15 in a threesome relationship. We had no idea that she forgot  
16 what was left on our hard drive.

17 Five years later we were asked by the Nevada Court to look  
18 through every bit of information we had regarding Sage  
19 Humphries. We found old hard drives that had been in storage  
20 for five years, and realized that there were text messages from  
21 her to a third party involving an exchange of \$75,000 for sex,  
22 which she told us in a Never Have I Ever game.

23 And, this has happened for five years. And, that's why  
24 it's a suppression of evidence. We've never published  
25 anything. We gave this information to our attorney, which at

1 the end of the 2017 hearing, the judge ordered it's fine if you  
2 gave it to the Attorney Melcher, which we did, --

3 THE COURT: So, you're aware of the order --

4 MS. BUTTON: -- everything [Crosstalk at 12:09:51 p.m.] --

5 THE COURT: So, you're --

6 MS. BUTTON: I'm sorry. One more time --

7 THE COURT: -- You're aware of the sanction order?

8 MS. BUTTON: Correct. Which is objected to.

9 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you.

10 MS. MARIELLA: Thank you, Your Honor.

11 BY: MS. MARIELLA

12 Q Ms. Humphries, if you could just turn to Page 7 of that  
13 order, please?

14 A Yes.

15 Q Could you just read Heading B into the record?

16 A "Defendants' disclosure of documents on Humphries iPhone  
17 was a willful -- willful violation of the Boston Municipal  
18 Court's orders."

19 MR. MOORE: No.

20 BY: MS. MARIELLA

21 Q Thank you --

22 MS. BUTTON: Yeah --

23 BY: MS. MARIELLA

24 Q Thank you, Ms. Humphries.

25 Ms. Humphries, is there anything else that's happened

1 since 2018 that you would like to advise the Court about that  
2 has caused you to continue to fear the defendants?

3 A I have had to undergo a lot of therapy, both physically  
4 and emotionally since the time of the abuse. And, having  
5 spoken to experts, realizing the scale and the sophistication  
6 of how they manipulated me at such a young age, it's truly  
7 unimaginable. And, I'm still uncovering how sophisticated it  
8 was, and realizing the pattern through, unfortunately, meeting  
9 other victims of theirs from past and future. I also have had  
10 to seek help with four specialists. I've had scar tissue, and  
11 issues with my hips since the rapes, since the abuse. I have  
12 had to constantly relive this through all of that work that  
13 I've tried to do to get myself back to myself. And, me  
14 initiating the lawsuit in Nevada with Gina was a step towards  
15 trying let others who have the same stories come forward and  
16 the magnitude of it has been astounding. It's not astounding  
17 in a positive sense. It's horrifying how many people over so  
18 many different states, over so many different ages, before me  
19 and after me, they have continued to abuse.

20 Q Ms. Humphries, are you aware of the Buttons doing anything  
21 to attempt to harm your career?

22 A They have -- They will say that it was not them contacting  
23 colleagues of mine, sending e-mails to my boss --

24 THE COURT: So, you don't know if they've actually done  
25 it? You suspect that they've done this?

1       THE WITNESS: The Instagram handle reads "Formerly known  
2 as Dusty Button" and "Formerly known as Button Built," which  
3 was both their Instagram handles before the litigation started.  
4 Those messages had been sent to people that are only close to  
5 me. There have been websites made, *Justice for the Buttons*,  
6 YouTube videos, *The Real Sage Humphries*, where they --

7       MR. MOORE: Objection, Your Honor. Judge Lyons has  
8 already ruled against all of this.

9       THE COURT: So, --

10      MS. MARIELLA: Your --

11      MR. MOORE: This are baseless claims.

12      MS. MARIELLA: -- Your Honor, she found that she hadn't  
13 prove -- proven contempt by clear and convincing evidence. But  
14 I think it's relevant to this motion.

15      MR. MOORE: It's [Crosstalk at 12:13:20 p.m.] --

16      THE COURT: Well, I guess the question is how do you know  
17 that it's from the Buttons were in the --

18      THE WITNESS: May I speak on that?

19      THE COURT: -- to Mr. Moore? Right? 'Cause it's -- She  
20 indicated herself, it's -- from her indication from where she  
21 started her testimony, it sounded like it was speculative.

22 BY: MS. MARIELLA

23 Q      Sage, do you want to go ahead and address why you believe  
24 that the websites, and the e-mails, and whatnot were sent by  
25 the Buttons?

1 A I am not a tech genius. I don't have the information to  
2 prove it. But I did live with them for several months. I know  
3 their tone and the way that they speak. Again, speculative.  
4 But there's nobody on this planet who has a vendetta against me  
5 who would want to ruin my life, who would want to ruin my  
6 career, other than these two people. There's nobody else who I  
7 would consider an enemy in my life. And, those are the only  
8 two people who would try to falsely say information about me,  
9 about my family, would try to come up with stories. I've --  
10 When I've lived with them I saw the lengths that they would go  
11 to to defame and -- and make others feel small. The -- The  
12 threats that they would make towards anyone who would cross  
13 them. That's why I asked Judge --

14 MR. MOORE: Objection, hearsay.

15 BY: MS. MARIELLA

16 A -- the judge in the first place for the electronic --

17 THE COURT: Overruled.

18 BY: MS. MARIELLA

19 A I asked --

20 MR. MOORE: It's not evidence --

21 BY: MS. MARIELLA

22 A -- I asked for it in the first place because I knew that  
23 they would try to blackmail me. I knew that they would try to  
24 go after anything that I had. I knew that if I stood up for  
25 myself that they would come after me, and they're continuing to

1 come after me. And, they will go to any lengths to hide it,  
2 but that is my opinion, and I'll rest my case with that.

3 MS. BUTTON: Sorry.

4 BY: MS. MARIELLA

5 Q You mentioned a YouTube channel, and we won't spend too  
6 much time on it. But are you aware of the kinds of images that  
7 the YouTube channel contains that relate to you?

8 A Yeah. They're -- They're like mockery. It's -- It's  
9 putting me in -- in -- in memes. Putting Pinocchio noses on my  
10 face, and calling me Amber Heard. And, saying curse words.  
11 And, calling me the big liar and using quotes from movies about  
12 people who lie. And, just trying to paint me as a completely  
13 different person than who I am.

14 Q Do the YouTube videos about you contain additional images  
15 of your messages with the defendants?

16 THE COURT: Well, first of all, who --

17 A It does --

18 THE COURT: -- give me a foundation about this YouTube  
19 channel, --

20 MR. MOORE: Oh, --

21 THE COURT: -- [Crosstalk at 12:16:23 p.m.]. What is it?

22 MS. MARIELLA: Yes, Your Honor. May I approach with  
23 screenshots from it for the --

24 THE COURT: Sure.

25 MS. MARIELLA: -- for the witness?

1 THE COURT: Yes. And, you've provided this to the  
2 defendants?

3 MS. MARIELLA: Yes. It's Q in their packet.

4 BY: MS. MARIELLA

5 Q Ms. Humphries, just -- Do these images appear to be images  
6 from videos entitled *The Real Sage Humphries Part One of Two*,  
7 and *The Real Sage Humphries Part Two of Two*?

8 A Yes.

9 Q And, do they appear to be images of those videos posted on  
10 an account called "Fletcher Reed" on YouTube?

11 A Yes.

12 Q Is the first image on this page an image of you and the  
13 defendants?

14 A Yes.

15 Q If you go to the third page, what is that images -- image  
16 on the top?

17 A The -- The -- The order number of the airsoft guns?

18 Q No, sorry. If you go to the third page, front and back,  
19 so counting the back.

20 A Oh, I see. I'm -- I apologize. The victim card?

21 Q No, sorry. The one that says "The Humphries took the  
22 Buttons to dinner."

23 A Oh, sorry. I think I got it out of order.

24 Q That's okay.

25 A Oh, yes. Yes. "The Humphries took the Buttons to dinner

1 and cocktails to celebrate Taylor's birthday." Yes.

2 Q And, what does that appear to be an image of?

3 A It's an image of my family and I having dinner with the  
4 Buttons in California.

5 Q Okay. Do you know who would have access to that image?

6 A The Buttons.

7 Q What's right below that?

8 MR. MOORE: Objection, Your Honor. This is posted on the  
9 internet for half a million people to see. So, that's  
10 incorrect --

11 MS. BUTTON: Prior to anything.

12 MR. MOORE: Yes. Prior to this happening. We all posted  
13 this image between half a million followers that we deleted  
14 from Instagram.

15 THE COURT: Okay.

16 BY: MS. MARIELLA

17 Q What's the image right under that?

18 A The image right under that is the firing notice of Dusty  
19 Button from the Boston Ballet.

20 Q So, I want to skip ahead two pages to -- Well, what do you  
21 see two pages ahead of that?

22 A What do you see two pages ahead of that?

23 Q Do you see the -- and -- a page that has [Indiscernible at  
24 12:19:24 p.m. - speech].com on the top? And, then, --

25 A Yes, I do. Yes.

1 Q What does that appear to be?

2 A So, that appears to be the purchase, or the delivery  
3 address of Taylor and Dusty ordering an airsoft gun.

4 Q And, it is evidence that the defendant submitted in 2017  
5 or 2018?

6 A No.

7 Q Does --

8 MR. MOORE: Objection. Yes, it is. Objection.  
9 Absolutely yes it is. Object -- We presented in 2017. Judge  
10 Lyons did not accept it into an exhibit, and it was never  
11 viewed as evidence.

12 BY: MS. MARIELLA

13 A Okay.

14 MS. BUTTON: No. Judge M --

15 MR. MOORE: I'm sorry. Judge McKenna.

16 BY: MS. MARIELLA

17 Q If you skip ahead two pages --

18 THE COURT: Okay. So, that's sustained then. You're  
19 going not read that.

20 MS. MARIELLA: Okay.

21 THE COURT: Okay.

22 MR. MOORE: You're lying. You're -- You're an attorney.  
23 What are you doing?

24 THE COURT: So, -- Go ahead. Continue.

25 MS. MARIELLA: Thank you, Your Honor.

1 BY: MS. MARIELLA

2 Q If you skip ahead two pages, do you see an e-mail from  
3 someone named Lynn College to Dusty Button?

4 A Yes.

5 Q Thank you. And, if you go to the back of that page, what  
6 is that image of on the bottom?

7 A That's me, and my mom, and Dusty, and Taylor.

8 Q Okay. And, then, on the next page, is there another image  
9 of you and the defendants?

10 A Yes. That's -- These are both images from my phone.

11 Q And, are these screenshots all consistent with what you've  
12 seen on these YouTube videos, *The Real Sage Humphries, Part One*  
13 and *Part Two*?

14 A Yes.

15 MS. MARIELLA: That's all on that, Your Honor.

16 THE COURT: So, I have some questions about that. Who is  
17 Fletcher Reed?

18 MR. MOORE: They don't know.

19 THE WITNESS: Fletcher Reed is a fictional character in  
20 the movie "Liar Liar".

21 THE COURT: And, the images that are on that page, were  
22 those images ever posted on any social media account prior to  
23 the issuance of the current restraining order in 2017?

24 THE WITNESS: No. I never posted -- I never posted this  
25 photo of my mom, and Dusty, and Taylor, and I. I never --

1 MR. MOORE: We did.

2 THE WITNESS: I don't -- I don't recall posting that. But  
3 this is not the only image. There are so many other images.

4 MS. BUTTON: How can you sit there any lie?

5 THE COURT: All right.

6 MR. MOORE: [Issues with Zoom at 12:22:14 p.m.].

7 THE COURT: All right. You may continue.

8 MS. MARIELLA: I have no further questions for the  
9 witness.

10 THE COURT: All right. Thank you. Hold on. Don't move  
11 just yet.

12 THE WITNESS: Sorry.

13 THE COURT: You started mentioning about Instagram  
14 messages --

15 THE WITNESS: Yes.

16 THE COURT: -- that you believe were sent by the  
17 defendants in this case. Who posted the Instagram messages?

18 THE WITNESS: So, I received probably 10 different  
19 messages from friends and colleagues of mine around the country  
20 reaching out saying that an account, the -- "Formerly Known as  
21 Dusty Button" and "Formerly Known as Button Built" sent them  
22 links to the website *Justice for the Buttons*, and these YouTube  
23 videos. And, I was made aware that people at my work were  
24 receiving the same Instagram messages. So, I was just getting  
25 calls at least one a week.

1       THE COURT: And, when were you getting -- When was that?

2       THE WITNESS: That was -- It started heavily in January --

3       THE COURT: Of?

4       THE WITNESS: That's of this year. And, has continued up

5 until last month was the last call I received from a friend in

6 Houston who received the links through that Instagram page.

7       THE COURT: And, according to the Instagram messages, when

8 were they posted?

9       THE WITNESS: The videos?

10      THE COURT: The messages --

11      THE WITNESS: Or the messages --

12      THE COURT: -- or the Instagram messages, when were they

13 posted?

14      THE WITNESS: Oh, those -- They were -- They were --

15      THE COURT: Were they posted before 2018 or after?

16      THE WITNESS: After. But they were private messages

17 directly to my friends. And, the same Instagram --

18      THE COURT: You have those messages?

19      THE WITNESS: I have pictures of my friends sending me the

20 messages.

21      THE COURT: Do you have them, counsel, and have you

22 provided them to the defendants?

23      MS. MARIELLA: I don't have those printed out. No, I

24 haven't sent them to the defendants.

25      THE COURT: Okay.

1 MR. MOORE: Why would you not?

2 THE COURT: Please. Thank you.

3 MS. MARIELLA: We're happy to submit those to the Court at  
4 some --

5 THE COURT: I'm not going to take them. And, no further  
6 questions?

7 MS. MARIELLA: No further questions, Your Honor.

8 THE COURT: Okay. You can step down. Thank you.

9 Was it your intent from the sanction order from Nevada  
10 marked as an exhibit?

11 MS. MARIELLA: Yes, Your Honor.

12 THE COURT: As well as the YouTube screenshots?

13 MS. MARIELLA: Yes. The YouTube screenshots, the  
14 sanctions order, and the Daily Mail article, I believe I  
15 admitted through the witness.

16 THE COURT: You submitted them. They weren't necessarily  
17 admitted. So, --

18 MS. MARIELLA: May I submit them now for admission into  
19 evidence?

20 THE COURT: The Nevada sanctions, Exhibit 2.

21 Exhibit 3 will be the YouTube screenshots.

22 **[Nevada Sanctions Marked as Exhibit No. 2]**

23 **[YouTube Screenshots Marked as Exhibit No. 3]**

24 THE COURT: Any other witnesses?

25 MS. MARIELLA: No, Your Honor.

1           THE COURT: All right. Would you like to make an  
2 argument?

3           MS. MARIELLA: Yes, Your Honor.

4           **CLOSING ARGUMENTS**

5           MS. MARIELLA: As Your Honor correctly pointed out at the  
6 beginning of this hearing, this is not about whether or not Ms.  
7 Humphries was abused or feared the defendants in 2017 or 2018.  
8 Judge McKenna already made that finding. It's a final finding.  
9 And, he found that protection was necessary permanently.

10          Plaintiff had no burden whatsoever in this hearing under  
11 binding case law from the SJC. She had no burden to prove that  
12 abuse again. She had no burden to prove ongoing fear. She had  
13 no burden to prove anything at all. The defendants have the  
14 burden here to prove by clear and convincing evidence a change  
15 in circumstances. And, the mere passage of time is not enough  
16 to prove a change of circumstances warranting -- vacating an  
17 abuse prevention order, especially one that a Court found was  
18 warranted permanently. Compliance with the order is not enough  
19 under the law. And, this is all laid out explicitly in the  
20 MacDonald case by the SJC, which we have a copy of it if you'd  
21 like it.

22          THE COURT: I have it. MacDonald vs. Caruso?

23          MS. MARIELLA: Correct, Your Honor.

24          THE COURT: I have it.

25          MS. MARIELLA: If those things were sufficient, you would

1 | be in this courtroom everyday hearing cur -- motions to vacate  
2 | permanent restraining orders all the time, if defendants could  
3 | simply show that they had no intention of contacting the  
4 | plaintiff again or complied with the order. They have to show  
5 | something more here. They have to show a significant change in  
6 | circumstances.

7 |       As you've seen, and as the record clearly demonstrates,  
8 | nothing has happened between now -- between 2018 and today to  
9 | demonstrate that there has been some change in circumstances  
10 | warranting vacating the order. If anything, you can see that  
11 | there is still much hostility between these parties. There's  
12 | ongoing litigation. She may have to be cross-examined by them  
13 | at trial. She may have to be deposed by them. They submit  
14 | filings disparaging her. Which it's their right to defend  
15 | themselves in that litigation, but these circumstances just  
16 | show that this is not a situation where the parties are done  
17 | with each other and moving on with their lives in any way.

18 |       And, under MacDonald, they have to show not only that  
19 | they've moved on from the plaintiff, but they have to show that  
20 | they've moved on from their histories of abuse and retaliation.  
21 | Here we have anything but that. They're giving media  
22 | interviews about the plaintiff. And, I don't want to spend too  
23 | much time on these websites because we have only circumstantial  
24 | evidence that it's them. But there's been, you know,  
25 | disparaging comments about my client on the internet that, you

1 know, relate to this case and the facts of this case. You  
2 know, they did the Daily Mar -- Mail interview. And, there  
3 have been allegations against them by other women. And, again,  
4 they have the right to attempt to disprove them and defend  
5 themselves. But these circumstances show anything but people  
6 who have moved on from their histories of abuse. There just  
7 are more and more allegations against these people as time goes  
8 on. And, she continues to have a reasonable fear of these  
9 individuals

10 Their move to Nevada is not relevant. There are -- it's  
11 case, after case, after case where the defendant says I've  
12 moved to a different state. I've gotten remarried. That  
13 should be enough. And, the Courts have found that's not  
14 enough. They needed to submit affirmative evidence,  
15 demonstrating by clear and convincing -- a clear and convincing  
16 standard, that they are not going to hurt anyone again, that  
17 they are not a threat to her again.

18 For example, in these cases, the court has said well you  
19 didn't provide me with police records showing that you've never  
20 been accused of anything since the date of the order, or that  
21 you haven't been arrested, or that you've completed some  
22 rehabilitation program demonstrating that you have no -- you  
23 show no risk of future harm to the plaintiff. They have not  
24 even tried to do that here, and have spent the majority of the  
25 their time, and exhibits, and written submissions on attempting

1 to reprove the underlying abuse, which, again, is not  
2 appropriate here.

3 I would also like to point out that the courts have found  
4 that the defendants mere say so that they have no intention of  
5 crossing paths with the plaintiff is, again, not enough. These  
6 are people who move around constantly, and the plaintiff is in  
7 an industry that will require her to move around constantly.  
8 And, she intends to move back to the West Coast, which is not  
9 very far from these individuals, to a place where they lived  
10 for years. So, it is plausible, to say the least, that their  
11 paths could cross again. And, again, the defendants say so  
12 that they have no intention of working in the industry again,  
13 it doesn't mean that they won't, and they have the burden of  
14 proving that here. Their violations of the abuse prevention  
15 order, again which they contest, but a court in another  
16 district found to be proven, should be per se evidence that the  
17 abuse prevention order should not be lifted as well.

18 I just want to make sure I don't have anything else, Your  
19 Honor.

20 Oh, and, of course, you know, the provision of the abuse  
21 prevention order that was specifically drafted to protect the  
22 plaintiff from online harassment by the defendants, doesn't  
23 matter where they live. They can do that from anywhere. So,  
24 the fact that they've moved really has no bearing on her fear  
25 of harm in that way, which Judge McKenna found was nec -- it --

1 he found it was necessary to protect her in that way permanent  
2 from -- permanently from the defendants as well.

3 I think that's all I have, Your Honor, unless you have  
4 questions for me about the Nevada litigation, or any other  
5 procedural issues.

6 THE COURT: No, I don't. I mean, on the one hand I agree  
7 that the movement from Boston to Nevada, the distance that they  
8 live in is not, by itself, something to consider vacating the  
9 order, but it's a fact you could take into consideration  
10 [Indiscernible at 12:32:19 p.m. - speaking away from  
11 microphone].

12 MS. MARIELLA: Sure. It's one of various factors.

13 THE COURT: Thank you. As well as any lack of contact or  
14 communication [Indiscernible at 12:32:27 p.m. - speaking away  
15 from microphone].

16 MS. MARIELLA: Well, the lack of contact itself is just  
17 complying with the order, --

18 THE COURT: Mm-hmm.

19 MS. MARIELLA: -- which, itself, under the case law, it's  
20 presumed that they will be complying with the order, and that  
21 itself is not a change in circumstance, --

22 THE COURT: Mm-hmm.

23 MS. MARIELLA: -- is my interpretation of MacDonald.

24 THE COURT: Mm-hmm. And, their removal of themselves from  
25 the industry is [Indiscernible at 12:32:47 p.m. - speaking away

1 from microphone] the fact can take into consideration as well.

2 MS. MARIELLA: I think that slightly decreases the  
3 possibility of them crossing paths with her, but again,  
4 MacDonald found that the defendant's own attestations that he  
5 had moved on from --

6 THE COURT: Mm-hmm.

7 MS. MARIELLA: -- the plaintiff, were not in itself enough  
8 in terms of proof.

9 THE COURT: Fine. Thank you.

10 MS. MARIELLA: Your welcome, Your Honor.

11 THE COURT: All right.

12 Ms. Button and Mr. Moore, I'll give you -- You have the  
13 last and final say regarding whether or not the evidence is  
14 clear and convincing to warrant the vacating of the permanent  
15 order.

16 MR. MOORE: Okay. And, are we allowed -- I mean, I'm --  
17 I'm -- I'm not certain what we're allowed to speak on, but as  
18 I'm making notes while Ms. Mariella talks, she referenced 2017  
19 and 2018 a lot. So, are we allowed to go back and reference  
20 this while we're responding to what they stated?

21 THE COURT: I didn't hear a lot of references to 2017 and  
22 2018. I'm talking [Indiscernible at 12:33:43 p.m. - speaking  
23 away from microphone] what happened after 2018. The --

24 MR. MOORE: I see. Okay. So after 2018 --

25 THE COURT: -- [Crosstalk at 12:33:48 p.m.] the evidence

1 that I have here are the story from the Daily Mail which was  
2 from 2022, the Nevada litigation, which was after 2018, and the  
3 YouTube videos, --

4 MR. MOORE: Okay.

5 THE COURT: -- screenshots that were also after 2018.

6 MR. MOORE: Yeah. The -- So, just I'll touch on those  
7 topics. We -- We have nothing to do with the YouTube videos or  
8 the website. We don't --

9 MS. BUTTON: [Crosstalk at 12:34:10 p.m.] --

10 MR. MOORE: We do not post on social media. If, in fact,  
11 they knew that this was us sending social media messages, they  
12 would've provided those to the Court today. Just like they  
13 withheld the police reports back in the day, they withheld  
14 these from the Court, because I don't believe they possess  
15 those to begin with. I think it just [Issues with Zoom at  
16 12:34:25 p.m.] to try to convince the Court that we're  
17 dangerous and that we're harassing them.

18 The fact of the matter is every single claim that they've  
19 made about us today, they have provided the Court with no  
20 evidence to prove. They reference and point to things, but  
21 we've done no wrong. We haven't -- We didn't think of her  
22 after August 10th or August 14th in 2017 ever once, until 2018  
23 when we were served with the restraining order that we were  
24 unaware was happening in the hearing. And, then, after that  
25 point moving forward, considering our counsel told us we were

1 unable to do anything despite that, we again put her out of our  
2 mind entirely. Never -- Ne -- They never crossed paths. And,  
3 the dance industry is divided. She is a ballet dancer in a  
4 company. When Dusty was a dancer, which she hasn't been since  
5 2021, her career is an entirely different path. She was  
6 teaching contemporary. She wasn't even in the ballet industry.  
7 So, while they were both dancers, they're not entirely the same  
8 industry.

9 We had no contacts with her or anyone relative to her.  
10 We've harassed her in no way, shape, or form. We've harassed  
11 none of her friends. All of the claims that Ms. Mariella just  
12 made against us, she's provided you with no evidence for. And,  
13 there's absolutely nothing to substantiate any claims.

14 And, we came in here today having had the last hearings,  
15 being told that it was expected for us to present -- present  
16 evidence to prove why 2017 and 2018 were invalid to begin with.  
17 And, I know we're -- now we're talking past that, but it --  
18 it's difficult to kind of go through with something that we  
19 were told otherwise for prior to coming into the courtroom.

20 But they -- they talked about change in circumstance and  
21 we haven't undergone rehabilitation. There's nothing to  
22 rehabilitate. Everything that they just stated that's  
23 irrelevant to this case we would really love to be stricken  
24 from the record, because again, they've provided no evidence to  
25 any claims. But you can't rehabilitate somebody that's done no

1 wrong.

2       And, in -- in regard to change in circumstance, that was  
3 the police reports that we discovered. The police reports that  
4 stated there is no eminent danger that they wouldn't show the  
5 judge when they were granted the order to begin with. We  
6 assert one more time, we don't even want to be involved in  
7 Nevada right now. It was her decision to sue us for \$131  
8 million dollars. It wasn't our decision to be present there.  
9 We're trying to get away from this as quickly as possible.  
10 And, there's nothing that could every make us, in any way,  
11 shape, or form cross paths with her.

12       If we found out she's in the state or she moved into the  
13 state that we live in, we will vacate the state immediately  
14 because it -- we can't stomach being in the presence of someone  
15 that's destroyed our lives through lies. And, we thought that  
16 we would have the ability to show every single lie, because if  
17 we had today, prior to her testimony on the stand, that  
18 testimony would have no credibility because we provided  
19 evidence that the previous two testimonies she gave under oath  
20 in court was full -- full of lies, and not one statement was  
21 honest, not one statement was true.

22       So, she continues to lie under oath as late as last  
23 Friday. We had an admission from her that she never withheld  
24 police reports from 2017 or 2018 from the Boston Court, but we  
25 see here today that she did. Not only did she withhold them

1 back then, she withheld those same reports from the Court  
2 today, which are re -- very relevant to this hearing. We  
3 provided them. But she lied as late of Friday in Nevada, under  
4 admissions, under oath, stating that she had never withheld  
5 police reports.

6 She claimed on the stand here that she was raped, but  
7 you'll see on the original restraining order she said that she  
8 was never under duress, everything was consensual. She was in  
9 a dating relationship with both of us. But she changes that  
10 claim because the word rape is a trigger word. And, rather  
11 than her speaking and being afraid to come forward, it's lies  
12 like this under oath, lies that we can prove all day long,  
13 every day, and every word that we say is true, that keep people  
14 from coming forward. Because all she did was abuse the Me Too  
15 movement in an attempt to get head and suppress the data that  
16 incriminates her. Because what she won't say on the stand is  
17 that message. The messages that they're referencing do  
18 incriminate her for prostitution. And, that's why they're so  
19 afraid for that to be addressed publicly. That's why for the  
20 last year Ms. Marienella -- Mariella, has been fighting to  
21 destroy that evidence.

22 Rather than taking a Boston order and accepting it for  
23 what it was, we provided in the exhibits, the evidence that her  
24 attorneys have actually attempted to force us to destroy the  
25 evidence. And, while they say Nevada rules that it was a

1 violation, Judge Lyons, just two weeks ago, ruled that, in  
2 fact, it was not. So, what they're doing is attempting to  
3 supersede the Boston rulings by having Nevada litigate on  
4 something that they're totally not involved in.

5 And, because they know that here in Boston we provided all  
6 this evidence, so rather than being able to show that evidence  
7 in Nevada, they're just attempting to manipulate the Court that  
8 there's been a violation to an order, while providing no  
9 evidence of any violation.

10 All the violations they claimed in 2018 in our absence  
11 when we weren't present to represent ourselves, we provided  
12 evidence for testimony from the woman that she fraudulently  
13 used her name of to gain that order stating that all of those  
14 lies. Not one thing was true in 2018. Not thing -- one thing  
15 was true in 2017, and not one thing is true today. But the one  
16 certainty that's not changed, the one certainty that remains  
17 the same, is that she's never been abused. She's never been  
18 able to provide evidence of abuse because none ever happened.  
19 We provided the opposition to that, which proves that no abuse  
20 ever took place.

21 The only abuse she suffered is when she was kidnapped by  
22 her family. And, they state here, as if it's a joke. Her  
23 mother admitted in the media and in the press that she  
24 kidnapped her daughter under force, forced her and trafficked  
25 her to California, imprisoned her --

1 MS. BUTTON: [Crosstalk at 12:39:34 p.m.] --  
2  
3 MR. MOORE: -- and stripped her of her bank account, her  
4 cell phone, everything. The only reason we were ever concerned  
5 about this during that summer, recorded all of this data, is  
6 because Sage made the phone calls, you'll see in our  
7 declaration from our sworn witness, to please send the police  
8 and arrest her because they had forced her into exorcism,  
9 exorcism that she lied about on the stand in 2017. And, as  
10 you'll see from the evidence, she called and begged us to -- to  
11 rescue her. As she even -- She wanted us to all the police.  
12 But ironically we're the ones with five fraudulent police  
13 reports that all were withheld from the court. Because  
14 fortunately for us the police actually have to look at all of  
the evidence like they didn't look at in 2017.

15 So, all we've wanted -- I mean, even -- even Judge McKenna  
16 did state, I have no preponderance of evidence, but I don't  
17 need that. Her original testimony was enough. And, for a  
18 209A, that preponderance of evidence is required. There was no  
19 fear of danger. There never has been. And, we -- we -- and  
20 telling you to not -- if we didn't love our country so much,  
21 we'd happily leave this country and sign a paper that we'll  
22 never come back to be as far away from her as possible.

23 The only thing that we can't stomach is that on our  
24 history, when people run a background check on us, we look like  
25 bad people. And, we -- We came here today with 400 pages to

1 prove that we're not. Hard evidence, rather than beliefs and  
2 hearsay like everything that they just stated in their  
3 testimony.

4 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you.

5 I'm going to take the matter under advisement. I'm going  
6 to review the documents that have been admitted and accepted as  
7 exhibits at this hearing, and then I'll issue a decision  
8 afterwards, --

9 MS. MARIELLA: May I just --

10 THE COURT: -- so the order will re --

11 MS. MARIELLA: I'm sorry.

12 THE COURT: -- the order will remain -- Nope. Not --  
13 That's it. Arguments have been made.

14 The order will remain in effect pending what my decision  
15 is. Thank you.

16 MS. MARIELLA: Thank you, Your Honor.

17 FEMALE: Thank you, Your Honor.

18 MR. MOORE: Thank you, Your Honor.

19 MS. BUTTON: Thank you.

20 THE CLERK: These matters, 1701RO181, and 17RO182, the  
21 motion to vacate is under advisement.

22 [End of Hearing at 12:41:32 p.m.]

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(circle one) **TYPE:** [CD] TAPE      **QUALITY:** EXCELLENT [GOOD] POOR

**ISSUES** (include time stamp):

background noise      time stamp: \_\_\_\_\_

low audio at sidebar      \_\_\_\_\_

speaking away from microphone various (Zoom interference)

simultaneous speech      \_\_\_\_\_

other: \_\_\_\_\_ time stamp: \_\_\_\_\_

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**COMMENTS:** The defendants were on Zoom, while the other parties were in the courtroom. The Zoom audio interferes with the other microphones in the courtroom, especially when there is speaking over each other. See Word Index

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